

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

28TH JANUARY 2015

Transforming Rehabilitation - UPDATE

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide the Board with an update on the structural changes to the Probation Service as part of the Government's 'Transforming Rehabilitation' Programme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. The Board is requested to:
 - **Note the significant changes that have occurred since the last meeting of the Strategic Partnership Board**

BACKGROUND

3. Please see previous Board meetings' minutes.

UPDATE

4. On 31st May 2014, Leicestershire & Rutland Probation Trust ended, its work being divided and moved into two new organisations: The National Probation Service (NPS) Midlands Division, and The Derbyshire Leicestershire Nottinghamshire and Rutland Community Rehabilitation Company Ltd (DLNR CRC).
5. On 29th October 2014, the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) announced its list of 'Preferred Bidders' for each of the 21 CRCs across England and Wales. For DLNR, this was the Reducing Reoffending Partnership (RRP), a partnership put together for the purpose of bidding for this contract. RRP were also successful in winning the contract to take over the Staffs and West Midlands CRC as well. At that time, further negotiations were required between the Preferred Bidders and the MoJ so competition rules still applied. It was not until contracts were signed on 18th December 2014 that meaningful meetings between the DLNR Senior Management and RRP could commence. Formal ownership of DLNR CRC will transfer from the MoJ to RRP on 1st February 2015.
6. It is clear that significant work will be going on between DLNR and RRP's Implementation and Delivery Team in the coming months to enable RRP to put their delivery model into action by the end of 2015. The early and clear indications are that RRP recognise and value the importance of partnership working on a strategic and local level. RRP are clear in their intention to devote far more operational staff time to

face-to-face contact with offenders, their families, communities and relevant partner agencies. They are proposing significant structural changes to support services to enable this, and the introduction of a new ICT infrastructure to facilitate this approach.

7. The Reducing Reoffending Partnership is made up of three partners:

- Ingeus UK, a private company whose primary activity in the UK is as a Work Programme provider
- Crime Reduction Initiative (CRI), a drug intervention charity who deliver on a number of large drug treatment contracts in the South East and Midlands
- St Giles Trust, a charity who have expertise in the resettlement of prisoners, in particular in the use of peer mentors and the employment of ex-offenders in undertaking this work.

More details about RRP can be found at:

<http://www.rrpartnership.com>

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