

APPENDIX 4

COMMISSIONING



“We can add value by working together” - Integrated working – for the benefit of children, young people and families requires integrated commissioning. The role of the Children and Young People’s Delivery Board is to provide leadership and strategic direction in an increasingly dispersed system so that children and young people are better served. We have a joint responsibility to ensure our services offered to families are safe, positive and respond to their needs

We will:

- We will look for common and overlapping functions between partners, in both front-line and support services, to identify scope for aligning budgets;
- Prioritise resources against need, reinvesting in supporting children, young people and their families at the earliest possible stage and as holistically as we can;
- Narrow the gap to reduce inequality of opportunities and to improve outcomes for children and young people who are socially and economically disadvantaged;
- Be radical about identifying the provider most likely to deliver best evidence-based outcomes.
- Look for opportunities to commission jointly, rather than spend money on duplicate processes and management structures;
- Take a consistent commissioning approach to investing in outcomes across statutory, voluntary and private sector providers, with a consistent emphasis on evidencing impact through monitoring and evaluation. This will create a more level playing field which helps us compare and maximise value for money;
- Take a more innovative joint approach to some areas of system redesign involving front-line practitioners and service users. This is the methodology most likely to improve outcomes and identify efficiencies in the longer term;
- Clearly and consistently communicate changes in pathways, services and responsibilities.
- Be creative in removing the boundaries and barriers that prevent us from working together.