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Probation Renationalisation London CRC Update

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Background

- In 2014 'Transforming Rehabilitation', the Government led Probation reform programme, saw the creation of 21 Community Rehabilitation Companies across England and Wales. These CRC's would oversee the management of low and medium risk of harm Service Users alongside the National Probation Service, who would oversee those deemed to be high risk.
- In 2015, MTC commenced delivery of privatised probation services under the auspices of London and Thames Valley CRC and continue to do so today, managing approximately 35,000 Service Users across the two services
- Our work includes community management of Service Users, delivery of Community Payback, Accredited Programmes and Through The Gate services

Announcements

- In May 2019, it was announced that the current CRC contracts throughout England and Wales would come to an end in the summer of 2021 with the Offender Management function of existing contracts being transferred over to the National Probation Service.
- Two subsequent models were to be open for bid over the course of the next two years to support the delivery of NPS's offender management:
 - Probation Delivery Partner who would deliver Accredited Programmes, Structured Interventions and Community Payback;
 - Dynamic Framework
- In June 2020, a further government announcement was made that bidding for the Probation Delivery Partner would now cease with the three core functions of that offer now to transfer to the NPS in June 2021

Timeline



Transition

- Bringing the delivery of Unpaid Work and behavioural change programmes under the remit of the NPS means our CRC employees will transfer to the NPS or the Dynamic Framework providers. It is anticipated that this, alongside the transfer of sentence management and Senior Attendance Centre services will take place in June 2021
- There is still limited information as to the mechanics of the transition of the CRC's various directorates to the NPS
- Over the next year, we will be working closely with the MoJ to make sure our people, systems and services transition to the NPS safely and with a firm focus on protecting the public
- To aid with this, we have a dedicated senior manager leading on the transition work from a London CRC perspective

Dynamic Framework

- Ministry of Justice has confirmed that it remains committed to including the Dynamic Framework in its new Probation delivery model
- Under this framework, the NPS will be able to purchase specialist rehabilitative services from a range of prequalified suppliers
- These include services in relation to Accommodation, Employment, Training & Education, Personal Well-being and Family & Significant Others
- MTC remains committed to developing our proposition and bid for this framework in collaboration with specialist partner organisations in the community and voluntary sector

MTC's Focus for the Future

- Whilst disappointed in the announcement, MTC remains committed to transforming lives and building safer communities
- Our immediate focus continues to be supporting our dedicated and highly skilled CRC employees to safely manage risk and deliver quality Probation services that reduce re-offending and protect the public
- Want to continue to build on the great work that we have been doing, which also made part of our now redundant PDP bid:
 - Community Payback – opportunities to work in partnership to communities whilst providing meaningful and purposeful projects
- Continue to operate within Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre
 - Ambitions to expand further into the UK custody sector
- Expansion of Interventions offer
 - Build on our expertise in delivering quality interventions and evidence-based outcomes, developing tailored interventions for individuals across, and beyond, the justice sector



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