

**1 April 2014**

**Transforming Rehabilitation Agenda**

**Ward(s)** All

**Portfolios:** Cllr Z. Ali – Public Health and Protection

**Executive Summary:**

To update the panel as requested on the current position of the Transforming Rehabilitation Agenda within Probation Services across England and Wales.

**Report:**

In October 2013 I attended Panel to inform of the forthcoming changes to Probation Services. Following this Panel have requested an update.

The current offenders who pose highest risk to the public and service the Courts. The new Community Rehabilitation Company will trade under the name SWM CRC and will manage those offenders who pose medium and low risk of harm. The SWM CRC will continue to be contracted to the National Offender Management Service until the point of share sale. This date Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust will cease to exist on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014. What become are two new organisations. The new National Probation Service which will deal with those is still unknown but us suggested to be December 2014 at present.

Activity has taken place for the prospective bidders to engage with the current SWM Trust and therefore we are aware that there are 10 interested parties in this first stage of events. These are: Capita, The Community Rehabilitation Company, EOS, Home Group, Ingeus, MTC Amey, Seetec, Sentinel, GEO Group and The Rehab Company. Panel members can find out more about the companies on <https://www.justice.gov.uk/transform>.

Current staff have been designated to either the new NPS or SWM CRC depending upon their existing duties. At share sale, those staff assigned in Walsall to SWM CRC will move to the new organization.

In terms of senior manager leads, Jamie Ann Edwards will be the new Head of NPS for Walsall and Wolverhampton. Jas Pejatta will be the designated CRC Head for Walsall and Wolverhampton. They will be your points of contact for Panel should you require any further information up to and following share sale.

For partners in Walsall I would hope that it remains business as usual and the impact of the initial changes are minimal.

**Recommendations:**

**That:**

**1. the report be noted;**

**and;**

**2. Members consider receiving a further update post share sale if required.**

**Background papers:**

Further information can be found on the Transforming Rehabilitation Website:

<https://www.justice.gov.uk/transform>.

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