

Mid-Year Review 2016/17 – 2020/21

Directorate: People

Service/Service Area: Commissioning Centre of Excellence –Supporting People Gateway Service

1. Description of Service

The Gateway provides an internal single point of access to all Supporting People service provision for adult services in order to manage referrals to providers.

2. Proposed changes

The Gateway will be decommissioned and Supporting People providers will be responsible for taking their own referrals into services. An overview and monitoring function within BCC will be retained to ensure there is no exclusion of eligible service users.

Supporting People providers have never been comfortable with the single gateway system and will react positively to the changes being suggested.

We will work with providers to ensure that they are engaged and new arrangements are effective.

3. Level of savings expected from the proposal

	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000
Gross saving	188	300	300	300	300
Less cost for BCC monitoring resource	36	47	47	47	47
Net saving	152	253	253	253	253
Less saving already shown within LTFP					
New saving generated	152	253	253	253	253

4. How will these savings/budget reductions be made?

The service is provided through secondments from an external provider and one internal member of staff. The informal arrangement with the provider will be ended and the member of staff will return to their substantive post.

In 2016/17 the single Gateway system has a remaining budget of £152,000 at the point of decommissioning excluding £36,000 reserved for BCC monitoring.

In 2017/18 this will be 100% of the total spend on the single gateway system which equates to £300,000. The same methodology would apply for future years.

5. Head Count/FTE implications

	Staffing changes									
	2016/17		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2020/21	
	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount
GR1	NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL	
GR2	NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL	
GR3	NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL	
GR4	NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL	
GR5	NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL	
GR6	NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL	
GR7	NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL	
JNC	NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL	
Other	NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL		NIL	

6. Implications of the proposal on Service Users

None. The service collates housing related support referrals for Supporting People providers. The new proposal will mean that providers will manage directly their own referrals.

7. Implications of the proposal on Outcomes

None. Outcomes will not be impacted as there is no direct impact upon service provision and this will be positively received by the Supporting People providers as they have wanted to manage their own referral service for some time.

8. EIA No & date of assessment

An initial EIA is being prepared however we have already recognised that we will need to fund a separate assurance function to ensure that supporting people providers do not exclude any service users.

9. Implementation Plan

This proposal is considered low risk. Immediate action will be taken and we will agree a consistent methodology approach and communications including reporting to Cabinet members.

An implementation plan has been developed and we will work with the providers to implement subject to this proposal being agreed at the Cabinet Meeting on the 20th September 2016.

10. Sign Off

Service Director	Comments Signature Date
Directorate Finance	Comments Signature Date