

Membership and terms of reference for expert working panel on third sector contribution to PSA16

Membership

Members of the group will be invited on the basis of providing front line services that support those who are socially excluded or at risk of social exclusion into settled (suitable in the case of care leavers) and/or employment or activities that will lead to employment. The membership will comprise of third sector providers reflecting providers who work on a local and regional basis including third sector groups who are involved in delivering the successful locality bids. The panel will ensure that it has representation from third sector groups who deliver employment, and those who deliver accommodation services, and there is at least one member who has an expertise in each of the four PSA 16 client groups:

- Adults in contact with secondary mental health services,
- Adults with moderate to severe learning difficulties
- Offenders under probation supervision, and
- Care leavers at age 19.

Chair

The panel will be chaired and facilitated by Sitra and the officer responsible is Sue Baxter, Policy Officer, (Local Strategic Engagement).

Purpose

To support third sector contribution in the delivery of PSA16 by scoping the contribution of the third sector, highlighting existing and potential obstacles to the third sector and current good practice in service delivery.

The Delivery Plan recognises that delivery of PSA16 can be enhanced by the sharing of good practice in delivering accommodation and employment services to socially excluded people. The plan recognises that the contribution of the third sector is critical in enabling the region to attain PSA16 and consequently one of the themes and delivery subgroups is devote to third sector delivery.

Accountability

The sub group will report to the third sector delivery subgroup.

Role and Responsibilities

- Identify the different ways in which third sector providers contribute to achieving PSA16
- Analyse the partnerships that third sector providers need to establish to be effective in supporting PSA16 work
- Establish the challenges to third sector providers in ensuring that socially excluded people are supported into settled accommodation and employment.

- Propose solutions to challenges that third sector providers experience or may experience in achieving PSA16.
- Identify good and promising practice in third sector providers supporting socially excluded people in to accommodation and employment.
- Ensure that the service user voice is represented and heard in the work of the expert working panel.
- Ensure that the third sector contribution to achieving the locality bids outcomes is captured and shared within the panel.
- To disseminate good practice identified by the panel or the third sector delivery subgroup.
- To identify the funding opportunities that exist to support third sector work on accommodation and employment to support the development of the mapping of funding by the third sector delivery sub group.
- To establish any particular obstacles that third sector providers experience through commissioning processes that impede the effectiveness of achieving PSA16.
- To ensure that any difficulties or positive practice in commissioning third sector work that contributes to PSA16 is fed into the Commissioning Sub Group.
- Identify issues which need to be addressed at the national level and influencing the national structures to support delivery.

Meeting Arrangements

The sub group will meet on a 6-weekly basis, between meetings of the third sector delivery sub group. A full year programme of meeting will be circulated. The agenda will be circulated at least a week before each meeting. The secretariat function will be provided by Sitra and meeting will take place at Sitra offices unless another venue is agreed by the panel.

Reporting Arrangements

The minutes of the expert panel will made available to the third sector delivery sub group members and a report will be given by the Chair of the third sector delivery sub group. If invited members of the expert working panel will attend the third sector delivery sub group.