Local innovation and performance



An Innovation Fund will be introduced to promote improved collaboration among health, mental health and frontline human and criminal justice services to deliver person-centred care, particularly at local levels.

The Fund will encourage flexibility and innovation, and service integration as well as shared accountability for outcomes. It will also help reduce duplication, better prioritise services, and highlight efficiencies.

Types of projects the Fund may support include:

- co-designing referral and care coordination pathways to provide service users with a joined-up experience
- re-designing services around the needs of individual service users and engaging them in their delivery and co-production
- implementing strategies to complement clinical care, such as improving wellbeing, physical health and/or social and economic participation, and
- activities to improve the coordination and integration of services.

Cross-agency local groups will be invited to submit business cases for innovative service initiatives to access funds from 2015-16.

Outcome-based reward funding will be available where there is evidence of success to encourage reinvestment and rigour.

Eligibility for funding will be based on predetermined criteria to be developed by the Mental Health Reform Implementation Taskforce. Proposals will need to align with commonly agreed objectives for mental health and wellbeing and actions in the Plan, as well as require cross-agency participation.