

<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION 31 HEALTH ACT FLEXIBILITIES GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS POST 31ST MARCH 2006</p>
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NEED TO CHANGE

Creation of the Programme Boards

Need to separate commissioning and providing from April 2006.

CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS

Section 31 Boards comprise both commissioners and service providers.

Programme Boards comprise only commissioners.

Within provider services existing groups meet to deal with service provisions and operational activity and development.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS

Programme Boards will assume responsibility for Lead Commissioning and allocation of Pooled Budgets. They will commission services through contracts or service level agreements based on commissioning plans, and will be responsible for compliance with these contracts/service level agreements.

Programme Boards are accountable to the Joint Commissioning Group and through respective chief officers to the Commissioning Committee and Social Care Cabinet.

Operational Management groups either currently in existence, or newly formed will assume responsibility for the delivery and implementation of services in line with the contracts/service level agreements.

Operational management groups will be accountable to the Provider Management Committee in the case of Mental Health, Kington Court and Hillside. Social Care will need to set up parallel arrangements for Learning Disability and ICES. The Provider Management Committee and equivalent Social Care arrangement will be responsible for the governance of all aspects of operational and service activity, including budget management.

IMPLICATIONS FOR CURRENT SECTION 31 BOARDS

Commissioners who currently sit on existing Section 31 Boards are already part of the Programme Boards.

Provider/operational managers who currently sit on Section 31 Boards will, in the new arrangement sit on the operational/provider groups and will not be part of the Boards.

Contract monitoring will be undertaken by the relevant commissioning manager and reported to each Programme Board.

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND ELECTED MEMBERS

Those that currently sit on the Section 31 Boards are now part of the Programme Boards and as such will continue to exercise their duties through that forum.