

CYPOSC Meeting – 5th January 2010

Addendum to CYPT budget proposals for 2010/11

These proposals should be read in conjunction with the Budget Update and Directorate Strategies for 2010/11.

Value for Money Programme in CYPT

A value for money programme has been developed to secure a complex transformational approach to service improvement and efficiency. The programme will run for three years and will secure a saving of £987,000 in 2010/11.

There are three main opportunity areas for improved efficiencies identified:-

- Targeting of prevention
- Care planning and processes
- Procurement and Commissioning

1) Targeting of prevention

Improved targeting of preventative service provision will focus on further development of the Team Around the Family (TAF)/Team Around the Child (TAC) approach to secure savings of £225,000. Learning from the Family Pathfinder/Family Intervention Project will be used to improve family support packages in the community, particularly for families at risk from substance and/or alcohol misuse and domestic violence.

Analysis of pre-birth assessments over last 12/18 months will be used to identify more cost effective interventions including a reduction in the number of high cost mother and baby placements to secure a saving of £80,000.

2) Care Planning and Processes

An audit of residential placement for Looked After Children will be undertaken and placements for all Looked After Children will be reviewed as part of an agreed cycle with a target saving of £300,000.

Joint decision making processes will be improved in relation to joint care packages and efficiencies of £54,000 secured.

3) Procurement and Commissioning

Targeted recruitment of in-house foster carers will save £28,000.
Review of all contracted services and commissioning and procurement arrangements will save an estimated £300,000.