

December 2010

Dear Colleague

The Drug Strategy 2010, *Reducing Demand, Restricting Supply, Building Recovery: Supporting People to Live a Drug Free Life*, sets out an ambition to explore how to use Payment by Results to incentivise the drug system to improve delivery of recovery outcomes.

Local partnerships are now invited to participate in a pilot programme to explore how to realise this ambition. Around six pilot sites will be selected by March 2011, using a two-stage process. A pre qualification questionnaire (PQQ) will be used to select a shortlist of around 15 partnerships, who will be invited to submit a full proposal. Following the final selection of sites, there will be a co-design period before the pilots start in September/October 2011.

The attached Invitation to Participate includes the specification for Drugs Recovery PbR pilot sites and the pre-qualification questionnaire. **The PQQ will need to be completed and emailed to Megan Jones (Megan.Jones@nta-nhs.org.uk), by midday on 20 January 2011**

The timing of the selection process is tight to ensure pilot sites are in place, and the co-design work can start in April. Key milestones are set out in the table below.

Date	Milestone
w/c 13 Dec	Invitation to Participate & PQQs sent out to all partnerships
20 Jan 2011	PQQs to be returned by midday
w/c 31 Jan	Up to 15 shortlisted sites invited to submit full proposal
Mid Feb	Workshop for shortlisted sites
24 Feb 2011	Full proposals to be returned by midday
Mar 2011	Pilot sites selected and signed off by Steering Group
Apr – Sep	Co-design: Project Team and pilot sites work closely together to develop the detail of each pilot.
Sep/Oct 2011	Pilots start

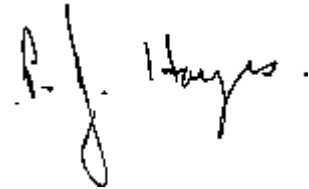
This important and challenging piece of work will help determine the future commissioning and delivery of drug recovery services.

We look forward to receiving your PQQs, and working closely with you to achieve the ambitions set out in the Drugs Strategy.

Yours sincerely

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