

Update to Audit committee 17 October 2017

Procurement

A Procurement and Contract Manager is now in post. The post holder Damola Aladesium is a fully qualified CIPS (Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply). He joined us on 18 September and has already met Group Heads to assess the number of contracts held in order to update the Contracts register and to discuss with them any future procurements. We are also now using the SEportal (Intend) for both procurement and within it a module for contract management which will assist in producing an up to date contract management system. The volume of work to be undertaken is significant but progress is already being made and a detailed work programme developed.

Partnerships

The Group Head for Commissioning and Transformation issued a report to Management team in July 2017 outlining the intention to implement all of the recommended actions. As a first stage a list of significant partnerships entered into across the authority has been compiled and shared. Unfortunately due to pressures of work/other priorities elsewhere we have not had the resource over the summer to take this further. It is intended as soon as possible to fully assess the Governance arrangements for the current partnerships.

Human Resources

HR continue to be mindful of succession planning and staff training. Currently we are, as part of the apprenticeship levy, encouraging managers to look at staff training needs. This is because the levy can be used to provide/fund training for existing staff in certain areas, which will help them grow into roles and future responsibilities associated with those roles.