**Your guide to The Regional Outcomes and Innovations Fund (ROIF)**

**What is the ROIF?**

The Regional Outcomes and Innovations Fund (ROIF) is a small pot of money available to regions, intended to support investment in wider services (for example by entering co-funding arrangements with PCCs or other commissioners) that may help reduce re-offending, and provide the regions with a new ability to address needs in ways that are not confined to the direct delivering of the order of the court.

**How will this benefit Regional Probation Directors?**

This will allow Regional Probation Directors (RPDs) to find new and innovative ways of working with a wider range of service providers and will provide additional and ongoing support beyond sentence, or to those whose sentence provides limited opportunity for intervention but are at risk of reoffending. The ROIF will also help RPDs to find efficiencies that come from being able to invest in joint initiatives and shared funding arrangements and access additional investment. This will allow RPDs to make services available to offenders based on need rather than dependent on sentence requirement. It will allow them to form new relationships with new providers of services and funders that will allow the RPDs to champion provision for those at risk of offending.

**How much will my region have to spend?**

*Please see Annex A below.*

**Where ROIF complements other interventions**

The ROIF is designed to be used for non-enforceable interventions; these may compliment other interventions (ie direct, in-house or commissioned rehabilitative services) that are delivered as part of a sentence.

**Gives your region the flexibility to decide**

Each region will have discretion to decide how to invest their fund, using evidence and local intelligence to inform their decisions. They will be able to set the specifications for the services they wish to invest in and the performance indicators that will be applied. Some examples of where the funds might be used can be found [here](http://hmppsintranet.org.uk/uploads/roif-background-example.pptx). The RPD may commission using the Dynamic Framework as the sole or lead funder or in partnership with others and make use of grants or contracts and support co-commissioner led provisions. The aim is to give the maximum amount of freedom to RPDs in how they chose to use the money.

**Oversight, accountability and our 10 key requirements**

Each RPD will be expected to show that they have spent their money well and can describe the commissioning decisions and the service delivery they have funded. They will need to evidence to the CPO that they have given proper consideration as to how the ROIF will be spent, and will be judged against the nationally agreed success criteria to confirm that they:

* Address a genuine service gap that the funding can address and will offer additionality to the services expected from sentence delivery arrangements or from statutory responsibilities held by other agencies;
* Show how this service will support you and benefit those at risk of reoffending;
* Allow a fair process to award the funding and oversee its use;
* Evaluate and measure performance to assess the impact of the service;
* Maximise value for money and efficiency of the investment, including the value of funding from co-commissioners/funders and coordination with custodial regions;
* Undertake due diligence to ensure any potential dis-benefits and risks are identified;
* Assess the impact for each funding decision and for the ROIF overall spending plan;
* Benefit service users, which may directly enhance sentence delivery outcomes, but must not directly invest in enforceable sentence delivery content or cross-subsidise activity already funded or enforceable sentence requirement contracts;
* Offer sustainable provision and share best practice with partners and other regions;
* Align the ROIF investment with national and regional probation priorities.

**You can find further information** [**here**](http://hmppsintranet.org.uk/uploads/roif-background-example.pptx)**.**

**ANNEX A: Planned ROIF Budget Allocations per Region**

*All figures x £1000*

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|  | **2020-21** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** | **2023-24 onwards** |
| East Midlands | 250 | 384 | 585 | 1341 |
| East of England | 250 | 439 | 723 | 1892 |
| Greater Manchester | 250 | 362 | 531 | 1122 |
| Kent, Surrey & Sussex | 250 | 361 | 528 | 1113 |
| London | 250 | 584 | 1086 | 3344 |
| North East | 250 | 362 | 529 | 1118 |
| North West | 250 | 429 | 697 | 1790 |
| South Central | 250 | 363 | 532 | 1128 |
| South West | 250 | 395 | 613 | 1452 |
| Wales | 250 | 372 | 556 | 1225 |
| West Midlands | 250 | 463 | 781 | 2125 |
| Yorkshire & Humberside | 250 | 485 | 838 | 2351 |
| Total in £1000s | 3000 | 5000 | 8000 | 20000 |