

West Mercia Strategic Partnership

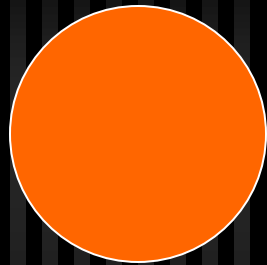


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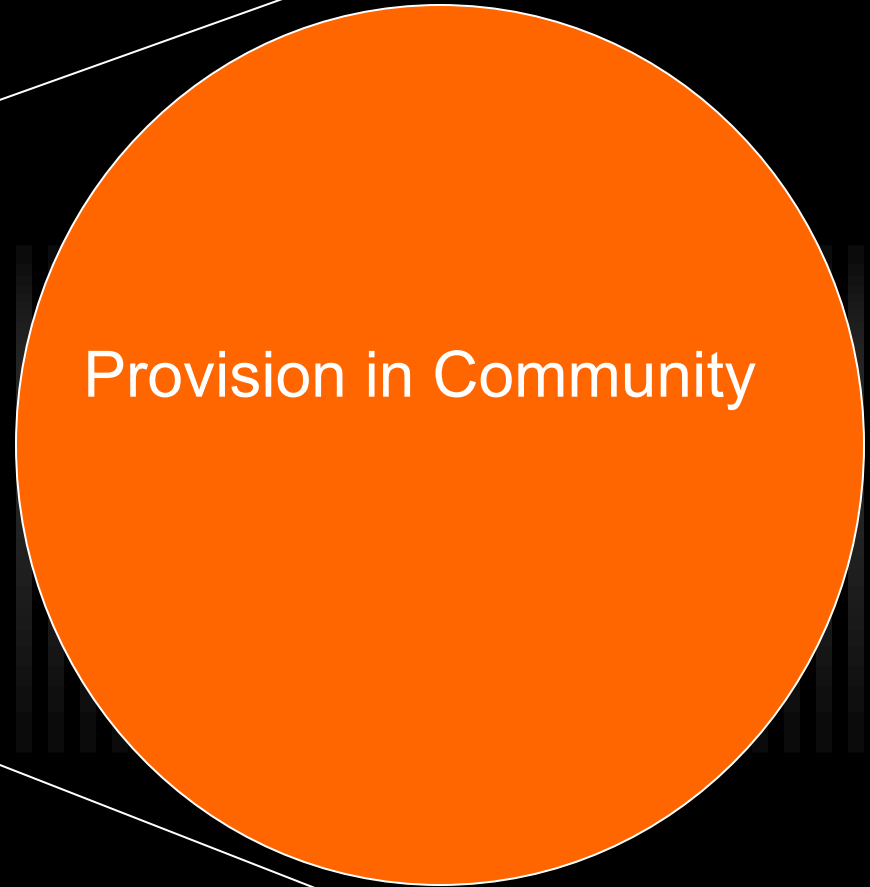
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Static Budget,

Increased provision



West Mercia Budget



Provision in Community

Hold the Budget, grow the provision



- ✓ Public good, not public monopoly
- ✓ Not everything needs to be done by “us”
- ✓ Others have expertise
- ✓ Others have access to resources
- ✓ Others can add value
- ✓ “act local, think global”

From limited budget to more provision



- ✓ Upgrade commissioning capacity
- ✓ Close internal unit
- ✓ Rationalise contracts
- ✓ Satisfy external audit
- ✓ Identify model
- ✓ Let contract for “preferred partner”
- ✓ Develop new model for services - pathways model – a different “wall”

Procurement Process

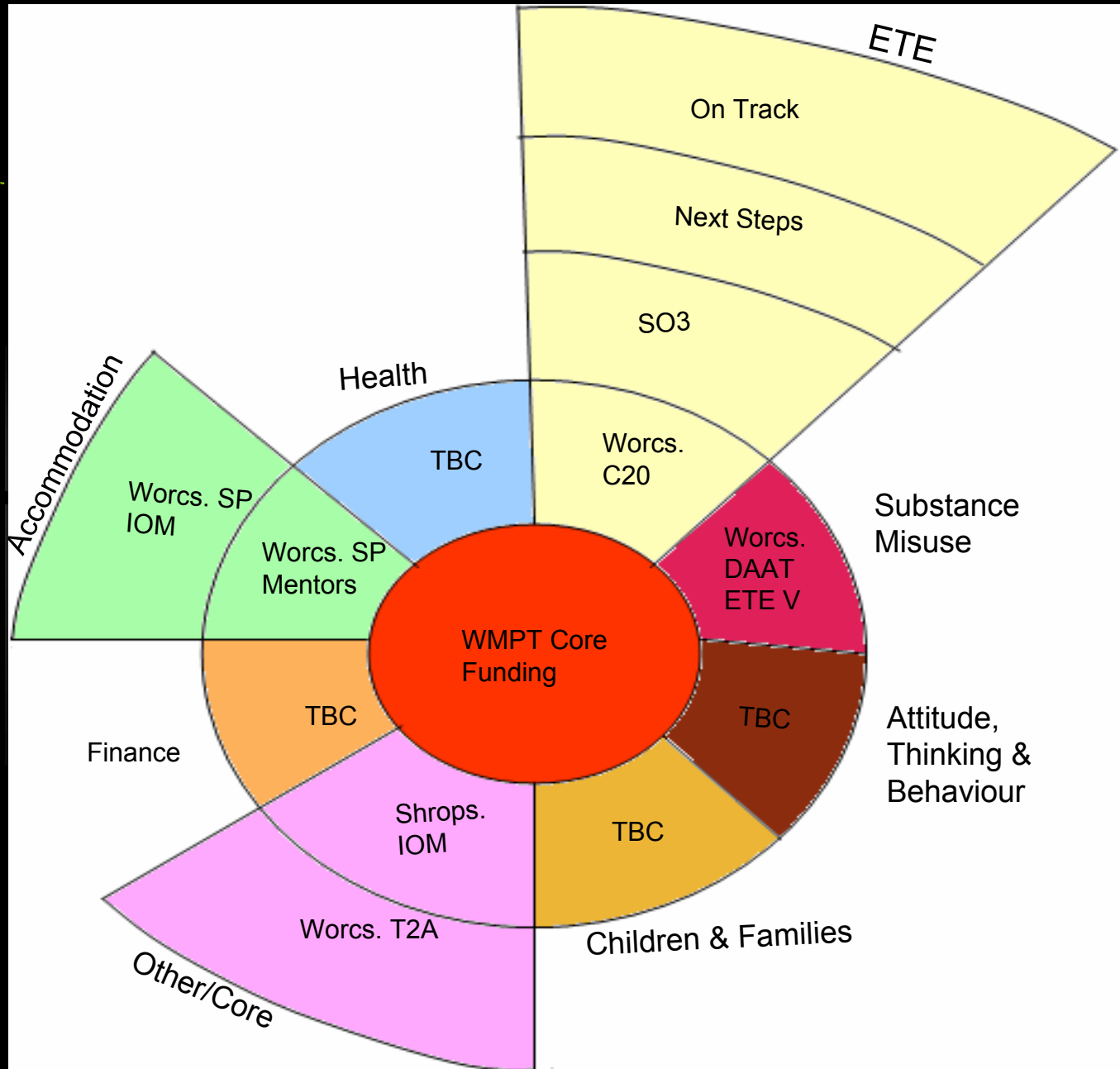


- ✓ Service is categorised as a "Part B" under the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/5).
- ✓ However WMPT undertook a formal procurement of this opportunity on a voluntary basis

Procurement Process



- ✓ Process overseen by legal advisors to ensure probity
- ✓ New form of contract developed to:
 - ✓ Allow the partnership to operate under true partnership principles, delivering flexible services to offenders whilst putting in place the necessary governance arrangements.



A New Paradigm



- ✓ A big claim
- ✓ Commissioning and with it Offender Management firmly in the public sector
- ✓ Offender Supervision from a variety of sources best placed to do a good job
- ✓ Non stigmatising – mainstreaming - exit strategy for service users
- ✓ Sustainable – funding pots aligned
- ✓ Win/win/win – pathways secure and mainstreamed, funding pots aligned, local priorities met, opportunities for social enterprise, co-operatives etc.