**The In-Scope of Licensing Process for Individualised Placement and Support (IPS) Suppliers**

A region may decide to conduct an in-scope of licensing assessment for an IPS supplier at any time. Consultation must occur with CSL prior to advising the supplier and commencing the assessment.

The region advises the IPS supplier they are conducting an in-scope of licensing assessment and the outcome will be communicated to them in due course.

The licensing delegate will decide if the IPS supplier is deemed to be in-scope of licensing and provides written advice of their decision to the IPS supplier with a copy to the region/s.

Assessments received by CSL will be reviewed and must be endorsed by the CSL Manager and the Tertiary Care and Support Director for progression to State Wide Licensing Panel, who will make a recommendation to the licensing delegate.

The regional assessment must be endorsed by the Regional Executive Director before being submitted to CSL. If the regional assessment is not endorsed the region must provide the IPS supplier with written outcome advice.

The region/s advises CSL if the in-scope of licensing assessment will be conducted or not.

NB: If an organisation is providing services across multiple regions, the region with the most placements will take the lead in conducting a single assessment and liaise with the other region/s.

CSL advises the region/s of any IPS suppliers who have been determined suitable for an in-scope of licensing assessment.

Child Safety Licensing (CSL) reviews CRC-PaS funding/IPS data quarterly to determine if any IPS suppliers are suitable for an in-scope of licensing assessment. The following factors are considered in determining suitability:

* continuity of placement service delivery (no breaks)
* placements have increased over 6 – 12 months
* placements have been maintained for over 12 months