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# Public Service Mutuels: A good option for Library Services?

# Where do we start from?

- Significant programme from 2010 - 2015
- A small number of library services have “spun out”
- Recent research shows almost unanimous “glad we did it” view across PSMs as a whole...
- ...but also that it is a difficult journey

# Ambition for this Parliament

- Reinvigorate drive for PSMs across various sectors
- Produce new strategy defining support structures, launch February
- Implement (April onwards)
- But don't wait until then: go for quick wins if the opportunity is there

# New strategy for PSMs

- Based on research evidence: short-term/long-term
- Optimum structure(s) for the market
- Support at three stages: concept, in process, live
- Gain buy-in from Central & Local Government and others

# Libraries

- Ministerial responsibility for PSMs is in same place as for Libraries policy, so backing to “do something”
- Challenges include legal structures, inherited liabilities, commissioner reticence, finance...
- Effectively two types: technical and behavioural

# Our support offer (contracting now)

- Designed in conjunction with Libraries Taskforce and DCMS Libraries teams, together with existing Library/Archive PSMs and those going through the process
- Masterclasses
- Peer support network
- 1:1 mentoring
- Specialist technical help
- Short-term and long-term offer
- Match funding?

# The other end of the telescope?

**Hard, ambitious and exciting from where we sit**

- How does it look from your position?
- Is the support offering right?
- How do you get serious consideration from decision makers?
- Is there more we could/should/must do from your perspective?

Thank you for your input