



Business Case

Project: Evidence based 0-19 (25 years with SEND) parent/carer programmes procurement

Directorate: People

Date: 18/12/2018

Description of the Goods and Service

A package of training to be delivered to family centres employees to enable each delegate to deliver evidence based parent/carer education programmes to targeted groups across family centre networks including programmes targeted to parents/carers of teenagers and children or young people with special educational needs or disabilities.

The goods and services are to be delivered at a value of no more than £30000.

Proposal and Justification for Goods / Service

As part of a restructure in April 2016 our network of children's centres moved to work with an extended age range and evolved into family centres. Prior to the restructure we delivered a strong programme of evidenced based programmes targeted at the 0-5 age range. To enable us to effectively meet the needs of our expanded age range following our restructure we need to procure training for our family centre employees which will enable them to deliver evidence based parent/carer education programmes that meet the needs of parents across our age range and those of targeted groups such as SEND parents.

We are proposing that we roll out a programme of training that will be available on a targeted basis in response to early help needs identification.

We are seeing increasing demand for these target groups through our early help panel – this project will enable us to meet the needs of these parents/carers through early intervention and prevention approaches. We believe this should have an impact on reducing the need for one to one support.

We are currently developing a borough wide parenting strategy and we see this training package as a route through which we can provide the skills to the workforce to deliver a co-ordinated package of support to families on a tiered basis across the broader age range. This supports the all age early help strategy and corporate vision, values and priorities. This will also strengthen us in respect of inspections of social care/early help and SEND against the new framework.

Date that Goods / Service required to be delivered

The training must commence prior to the 31st March 2019 to enable us to meet the increasing demand of children young people and families via our early help pathway.

The implication of the goods and services not being delivered by that date is that we will be unable to pay for the cost out of our 2018-19 budget and we have not forecast the spend within our 2019-



20 budget. The work would not be able to be completed if it cannot be paid for out of this year's budget and will have a serious impact on our ability to meet the needs of our service users at the earliest opportunity.

Budget

The budget to be utilised to finance the contract is the family centre central programme 2018-19 budget.

Benefits of Proposal

This project will support us in our ongoing work to offer early help to families with children 0-19 (25 years with a disability) a key strand of the all age early help offer. As stated previously it will enable us to meet the needs of our families in a cost effective way by meeting demand at the earliest opportunity and preventing the need for targeted one to one or specialist services.

In House Provision / Other Contracts

We are not aware of any in house providers or any existing contracts that can meet our requirements.

Recommendation

Our recommendation is that permission is given to invite three quotes for the delivery of the goods and services.

That following assessment and selection in line with the funds available for the work and the specifications given we are permitted to instruct the provider that we believe represents best value for money along with a good standard of product and service to deliver the goods and services.

Authorised Approval

Signed:

Service Director, Education, Early Start and Prevention

Date: 19 December 2018