

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS BRIEFING

Integrated Commissioning



The purpose of this briefing is to inform key stakeholders of the commissioning and procurement of a healthy relationships programme

Background

A commissioning plan was developed for Safer Plymouth, the Community Safety Partnership for Plymouth, directed by Strategic Crime Assessment and priority area leads. It identified a number of priorities including Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

The Plymouth Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership (sub group of Safer Plymouth) identified the need for earlier intervention and awareness work with children and young people in relation to Domestic Abuse via healthy relationships. The Multi Agency Child Sexual Exploitation Group (MACSE) (sub group of the Safeguarding Children's Board) identified a need for quality assured earlier intervention and awareness work with children and young people in relation to CSE.

A steering group has developed made up of school representatives, PCC commissioning, Public Health, Learning and Communities, Safer Plymouth, and Provider representatives. It met in February and April 2017 to agree the scope along with expected outcomes, outputs and key performance indicators.

Service Purpose

Long term, we have an aspiration to ensure all children and young people in Plymouth have access to information and support about healthy relationships reaching all ages and settings. This service begins to advance this ambition.

The main purpose of the service is to develop a strategic approach to delivery of a 'Healthy Relationships Programme' in schools as an effective way of ensuring children and young people have access to information and skills to make informed decisions on the relationships they experience. It will ensure an equitable offer to schools and provide quality assurance to the system. It will support achievement of the strategic outcomes as set out in the Plymouth Plan; Wellbeing Commissioning Strategy and CYP Commissioning Strategy.

This work will deliver a pilot programme in some schools within the forthcoming academic year.

Funding

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) has agreed to fund this programme via its CSP grant to local authorities.

In addition, a 'pitch to funders' event has resulted in 3 grant funders expressing an interest in receiving full applications for funding. The successful provider will follow up.

Procurement activity

A procurement process has been completed. Due to the value of the contract (01/08/17-31/03/18 £43,000; option to extend for 1 year dependent on funding being approved £30,000) a Technical Request for Quotation (RFQ) was the preferred procurement process in accordance with Contract Standing Orders Clause 17.2.

The RFQ was placed on the supplying the south west portal open to the market. This followed two stakeholder engagement meetings in February and April 2017 and all members of this group were informed.

5 quotes were received and these were evaluated and then moderated by PCC Commissioners, police and school representatives. As a result, Plymouth City Council has awarded the contract for this work to a partnership of Barnardo's and NSPCC.

Next Steps

Between August and January 2017 scoping and systems work will be undertaken to understand Plymouth need and response.

Post January 2018 we will begin to see direct delivery. A pilot will be developed, delivered and evaluated.

Over the coming weeks:

- Barnardo's and NSPCC will provide wider communications including press release
- Initiate engagement with Children and Young People from start – priority to start early so that service is not just informed by but shaped and where appropriate designed by them
- Steering group meeting will be invited to reconvene mid-September