

Expression of Interest  
Mental Health and Learning Disabilities  
Voluntary Sector Collaborative

## 1.0 Background and Context

### 1.1 Summary of Proposal

NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group are working with Hunts Forum to appoint a Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector partner to manage a two-year programme, with a total budget of £750,000, to support people with mental health needs (including those with a learning disability who also have mental health needs).

### 1.2 Integrated Care System

Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) will be established across England on a statutory basis on 1 July 2022. In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough our NHS Clinical Commissioning Group will move to an ICS from this date.

ICSs are partnerships of organisations that come together to plan and deliver joined up health and care services, and to improve the lives of people who live and work in their area. The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICS is committed to 'work together to improve the health and wellbeing of our local people throughout their lives.' By working together, as one integrated system, we are in a unique position to make a significant positive change to the lives of all local people.

### 1.3 Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Collaborative

As part of the ICS a Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Collaborative is being developed with GP practices, Mental Health specialist providers, VCSE organisations, Acute Hospital Trusts, and Local Authorities which will:

- develop a clear all age system-wide ICS Mental Health and Learning Disabilities strategy.
- improve the experience of service users and their carers by promoting shared decision making and personalised care to ensure better mental and physical health outcomes.
- support the development of the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities workforce by creating new roles and opportunities.
- improve how people find out about the services, support and resources they need

- continue to implement best practice and carry out further research to improve mental health and social care provision across the system.

The inclusion of the VCSE Sector is vital to achieve our ambitions for the delivery and innovation of care and support services as well contributing to the overall aim to reduce health inequalities within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

## **2.0 Proposal**

In order to support the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Collaborative there is an opportunity for a VCSE provider/partner organisation to develop a two-year programme which will deliver the following outcomes:

- Provide a representative voice for the VCSE organisations as part of the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Collaborative
- Ensure effective sector engagement and consultation to help inform decision making, innovation and development of solutions to support the ICS priorities for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities
- Ensure that the MH/LD VCSE sector is engaged with the agendas of the other Place Partnerships and Collaboratives within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICS, including North and South Place-based partnerships.
- Manage a two-year programme of activity in partnership with the VCSE sector to deliver projects and services which will support system outcomes and ambitions for adults with mental health needs (including those with a learning disability who also have mental health needs) across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This will involve developing a robust process enabling organisations to apply for funds to support activity, monitor delivery of these projects and programme and feed intelligence back into the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Collaborative and wider ICS system.

## **3.0 Requirements**

Organisations submitting an Expression of Interest are required to demonstrate:

- A commitment to work in partnership with the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Collaborative and wider ICS structures.
- A commitment to work with an ethos of co-production and within the spirit of Co-production Principles adopted by the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Collaborative.
- Knowledge of the local VCSE sector and ability to make strong and lasting relationships across a range of organisations of all sizes and diverse in nature and focus.
- Ability to work collaboratively with the VCSE sector to develop innovative and achievable projects and programmes of work
- Ability to establish robust governance arrangements for the management of funds to support the VCSE activity programme for a two-year year period.
- Ability to establish and manage application processes and the distribution of funds, against system criteria.
- Ability to performance manage the delivery of approved projects and programmes of work.

- Ability to develop and embed evaluation processes.

#### **4.0 Finance**

The total amount of funding available as part of this Expression of Interest is £750,000 for the two-year period. It is anticipated that the following strands of activity will be funded during this period.

- VCSE capacity which will support rigorous engagement and representation of the VCSE sector for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities within the ICS structures and in particular the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Collaborative.
- Management of the funds to deliver, monitor and evaluate a programme of activity across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- A two-year programme of activity developed with and delivered by a wide range of VCSE organisations which will focus on the delivery of services and projects aligned to the priorities of the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Collaborative. It is anticipated that at least 80% of the available £750,000 funding will be available for this programme of activity.

#### **5.0 Process**

The following process will be undertaken for this opportunity:

- Expressions of Interest must be made using the enclosed form and received by 12.00 noon Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022.
- Expressions of Interest will be reviewed between 11 July 2022 – 22 July 2022.
- The successful applicant will be confirmed by 06 August 2022.

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Name of organisation(s) / relevant body(ies):	
Main contact name and address: (including email address). <i>Please note that all correspondence relating to the Expression of Interest will be sent to this contact.</i>	
Please provide an overview of the organisation(s), including legal status (including charity/company number(s) if applicable).	
Describe the vision and values that drives your organisation. (300 words maximum)	
Are you submitting this Expression of Interest in partnership with another organisation? If yes, please give details of all partnerships involved.	
Please describe how you would approach the opportunity as outlined in section 2.0 of the EOI document and identify any key challenges you foresee in delivering the activity.	

(500 words maximum)

Please provide evidence that you will be able to provide the service in future if successful and can meet the requirement as stated in section 3.0 of the EOI document: (e.g. relevant experience, relevant recent work, current or planned organisational development)

(500 words maximum)

Please provide a financial breakdown across Year 1 and Year 2 of the programme detailing how you expect to assign the funding (approximately 20% of the total amount available) to deliver the following areas as outlined in section 4.0 of the EOI document:

- VCSE capacity to support engagement and representation of the VCSE sector for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities within the ICS structures
- Management of the funds to deliver, monitor and evaluate a programme of activity across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

I confirm that the information contained within this form are a true and accurate representation of the organisation(s) submitting this Expression of Interest.

Signed:

Position:

Date