

TENDERS SOUGHT FOR SPECIALIST MALE ABUSE SUPPORT SERVICE RESEARCH PROJECT

Closing date: 26th October 2018.

Black Country Women's Aid is seeking to appoint a researcher or company to complete a research and scoping project exploring support service provision for male victims of domestic abuse and other forms of interpersonal violence.

The research project will be in three parts:

1. Research with male victims of domestic abuse, forced marriage, "honour"-based violence, rape and sexual abuse, and childhood sexual abuse, to include:
 - Their experiences of abuse, including repeat victimization, and the impact of this on their lives
 - What needs they identify arising from their experience of victimization
 - Their experiences when disclosing abuse and accessing support services
 - Experiences within support services both specialist and generic
 - Male victims of abuse and complex need eg drugs, alcohol, mental health, experiences of abuse as a child, contact with the care system, contact with the criminal justice system
 - The study should reflect the experiences and needs of a diverse range of men, including those in heterosexual and same-sex relationships, men who have sex with men, trans* men, men with disabilities, and men from a range of ethnic and social backgrounds
2. Research into the experiences of service providers/commissioners, both specialist and generic, into developing and delivering services for male victims, including:
 - Agency perceptions of the needs of male victims, key similarities and differences between supporting male and female victims
 - Agency/commissioner experiences of delivering and commissioning gender-specific services –v- generic services
 - Existing support models and intervention tools for male victims of abuse (both specialist and generic), and analysis of their efficacy
 - Referral and screening processes, managing counter-allegations, identifying perpetrators
 - Outline of relevant service standards and best-practice
3. Recommendations
 - Based on research, scope different models of male abuse support service provision, referencing existing models both successful and unsuccessful

The study should be based on a combination of: literature review; interviews and/or focus groups with male survivors of abuse; interviews with service providers/agencies working with male victims of abuse; interviews with commissioners/funders of services.

BLACK COUNTRY WOMEN'S AID

Black Country Women's Aid (formerly known as Sandwell Women's Aid) is an independent charity which has supported survivors of abuse and exploitation in the West Midlands for 30 years. Our diverse range of services includes: domestic abuse refuge and community support; rape, sexual violence and childhood sexual abuse support; forced marriage and honour based violence support; children and young people's services; therapeutic services; and support for female offenders and women with complex needs.

Our sensitive and holistic support helps over 9000 victims of abuse each year to escape from violence, cope with trauma and rebuild their lives. We believe that no-one should have to live in fear of violence and abuse. We listen, we support, we care.

REQUIREMENTS

You will have a good understanding of the dynamics of interpersonal abuse, gender-based violence, the effects of trauma, and specialist support services. You may have worked in the voluntary sector, policy or academia, and will be familiar with the funding and support service structures in the UK for victims of violence.

We are looking at tenders in the region of £7,000 - £10,000 and would expect this work to be completed by 1st March 2019.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed on the following:

- Understanding of: the issues faced by male victims of violence; existing support provision; and best-practice within this area
- Experience of the specialist abuse support sector and familiarity with commissioning and funding structures in England
- Experience of carrying out impact assessments and evaluations, ideally with a focus on the voluntary sector
- Experience of assisting voluntary sector organisations to undertake research and strategic planning
- Suitability of methodology and project plan
- The ability to carry out the research in the period November 2018-February 2019, providing a finished report by 1st March 2019
- Cost

Required documentation

Tender submissions should include the following information in a fully worked out project plan:

- Proposal outlining key questions to be examined in the research
- Full details of the methodology to be applied
- Timetable
- CVs of personnel carrying out the study
- Full breakdown of fees and costs, including expenses
- Contact details

Applications may come from individuals or from companies with appropriate expertise. Black Country Women's Aid is committed to equal opportunities and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

Please send your documentation to Kat Bailey, Development & Communications Manager at kat@blackcountrywomensaid.co.uk

The closing date is: 5pm on 26th October 2018.