

Funding stream:	Domestic Violence services
Name of grant:	Therapeutic Support for Children and Young People
Grant Award:	£78,000 for each financial year for the period 2019/20 to 2022/23 subject to annual budget approval.

Section 1 – Service Overview

The effects on children living with the experience of domestic violence are diverse and profound and can have both short and long term cognitive, behavioural and emotional effects on children and families' wellbeing and development. Providing advice and therapeutic support to families affected by domestic violence can improve the quality and life experience of children and families, improving their confidence, self-esteem and emotional wellbeing.

We want to support one organisation or a consortium of organisations that will provide support to children and young people and their parents who are victims, providing a programme of

- Therapeutic support for children and young people
- Support to parents and child family relationship

Section 2 – Service Outcomes

Applicants will need to demonstrate how the provision of the services will:

- Contribute to the reduction of the impact of domestic violence on children and young people.
- Reduce the chances of children and young people becoming victims or perpetrators of domestic violence.
- Improve the social, emotional and psychological well-being of children affected by domestic violence
- Improve family relationship and resilience

Section 3 – Service Delivery/Activities Sought

Council funding will specifically support one organisation to provide a programme of

- Direct individual or group work of a therapeutic nature with children and young people. Support should be:
 - Targeted to meet the needs of individuals and families focusing on emotional and physical experience of children and young people children
 - Provide safety planning support
 - Have a clinical assurance process for any clinical programs
- Provide independent information and advice to parents with regards to their children's
 - Behaviour
 - Emotionally and physical wellbeing
 - Understanding of situation
 - Practical issues such as education, social care etc.
- Liaise closely with other service providers to ensure early identification of social, emotional and behavioural difficulties that may require additional input.
- Accept referrals from statutory service such as social care and schools as well as self-referrals
- Work with other domestic violence service in the borough including refugees, IDVAs

- Provide expert advice to other professional and attend and feed into cases conference and child protection plans as required

Section 4 – Specific Criteria/Requirements

The Council will assess/monitor:

- Total number of children and parents supported.
- The service is provided to children and families experiencing the effects of DV aged 4 to 18
- The level of service provision provided of therapeutic support to children and young people and parenting support
- Outcomes and impact reported by service users and stakeholders
- Partnership work undertaken
- The accessibility of service across the borough

The council will also ensure that the organisation has:

- A safeguarding and child protection policy in place
- Enhanced DBS checks on all staff and volunteers.
- Registration with appropriate regulatory body if applicable
- Staff training and supervision

In addition, the applicant will be required to submit with their application the following:

- A service development plan based on the criteria covering the period 2019/20 - 2022/23 using the template provided.
- Details of how information will be communicated effectively and take into account the needs of people (and organisations) accessing the service including needs arising from age, disability, gender, ethnicity, religion and belief, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, sexual orientation, and gender reassignment.
- Details of how they will obtain customer feedback and consult users on improving community and voluntary services covered by this commission.

Section 5 – Monitoring and provision of information

The grant recipient will provide programme updates and monitoring reports to the Children's Commissioning lead via quarterly monitoring data returns and 6 monthly written reports.

Continuation of the grant will be dependent upon meeting the outcomes and delivering the service activities set out above.