

## **Clarification Questions for “Evaluation of the 50+ element of the Progression Towards Inclusive Employment in GM pilot” ITT**

- 1. Can you provide any more details on plans for the local evaluation of the whole programme? The evaluation of support to 50+ is difficult to plan, e.g. to minimise research burden, without knowing wider plans. Will the 50+ pilot strand be excluded from this wider evaluation or is there a risk of overlap / duplication?**

Details of evaluation for the whole programme can be found in annex 5 of the ITT (pg. 75-76). For the wider evaluation data provided through the Greater Manchester Individual Tracker (GMIT) will be analysed in-house by GMCA to see what outcomes are being achieved. There is a possibility that further small-scale bespoke evaluation (e.g. of different groups) will be commissioned, but this is yet to be confirmed. The 50+ evaluation being commissioned by Centre for Ageing Better is not dependent upon or impacted by any wider evaluation and there is a low risk of duplication.

- 2. Can we assume that the evaluation will be able to access data on all participants, not just those aged over 50.**

Non-identifiable aggregated data on participants from the wider programme (i.e. those under 50) will be accessible by the evaluation team commissioned through this ITT, but there will be no access to these participants for further fieldwork. This broader dataset will primarily consist of the variables collected for GMIT (outlined in annex 3) but may include some additional information that is yet to be confirmed. We are expecting that the evaluation team commissioned through this ITT will have a relationship with the internal data analysis team in GM.

- 3. Looking at the list of 'additional' support targeting the over 50s, much of it appears to be recognising a different context, e.g. may be older carers rather than having young children, as opposed to a different offer. Is there any expectation that the older group will receive more support than others?**

The support offer will be dictated by individual needs. Bidders for the pilot provision are expected to outline in their bids what their bespoke offer for over 50s will be, so until a provider has been appointed we are unable to provide any additional information as to what the 50+ offer will look like beyond that it should utilise the principles set out in the [Humanly co-design work](#).

- 4. The ITT mentions the intensity of support. Will this be captured by the provider, as part of the initial assessment of need and again to show how much support delivered to each participant, and if so how?**

Data on the number of interactions will be collected via GMIT.

- 5. It appears that outcomes and distance travelled will be measured when participants leave the programme. This risk losing those who disengage.**

**In the provider specification they are asked to estimate completion rates etc. For now, to aid on planning, what % of participants should we assume reach the end and therefore provide full data?**

We cannot give a percentage exit rate at this time because the pilot specification asks bidders to provide a figure as part of their bid. This is MSDS 4C (annex 5, page 68 of our ITT).

**6. Please confirm no minimum or maximum time for participants on the programme?**

Participants are expected to be on the programme for at least two months from their service start appointment (see page 63 in annex 5 of our ITT). There is no upper limit on engagement time.

**7. The provider appears to be responsible for collecting data at point of exit. Is there any expectation that they will also collect data on outcomes beyond that point?**

There is no expectation of data collection beyond the end point of the pilot by the pilot provider. Access to participants of the 50+ part of the pilot will be provided to the evaluator contracted through this ITT so that they can do follow-up fieldwork.

**8. Please can you confirm the submission deadline date as there are two dates listed in the ITT?**

The submission date is 5pm 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**9. Approximately how many economically inactive people aged 50+ are expected to be supported through the pilot?**

At minimum 1000 participants.

**10. Will participation in the evaluation be a condition of access to support delivered through the pilot?**

No. The provider cannot refuse to help someone if they don't agree to give data. Any additional data collection conducted by the evaluation team commissioned through this ITT (i.e. through fieldwork) will also not be mandatory for participation.

**11. Are you able to give an indication of the scale and nature of primary data collection that you are expected to be conducted through the evaluation?**

We expect bidders to outline their proposed scale and nature of primary data collection in their bids.

**12. The brief specifies that you would like the impact evaluation to include some form of counterfactual analysis. Do you envisage this to be a**

**quantitative counterfactual impact assessment or are you open to alternative / theory-based approaches?**

We would like a quantitative counterfactual impact assessment as that would be most convincing to some of our influencing targets - and bids containing options for this this will be preferred. However, we are open to more theory-based approaches alongside this - and would consider a proposal that contained only a qualitative counter-factual if a strong argument for it was made.