**Specification for specialist support: A Scoping of the feasibility of the Application of a Common Elements Approach to improve outcomes for vulnerable children aged 0-2 years through access to effective parenting interventions.**

1. **Purpose**

Public Health England (PHE) is seeking to commission an external partner to produce a scoping of the application of a common elements approach to improve outcomes for vulnerable children aged 0-2 years through access to effective parenting interventions.

1. **Background**

Public Health England (PHE) exists to protect and improve the nation's health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities. As part of PHE’s Best Start in Life programme the FNP National Unit has a broadening remit to lead a public health approach to ensuring all parents can access the appropriate level of evidence-based parenting support according to their needs and context. In order to do this and considering the impact of the current COVID-19 pandemic it is vital that consideration is given to leveraging the learning from evidenced based interventions to broaden access to evidence informed practice this work is underpinned by an up to date review of current evidence and best practice. The findings from this review will inform future developments and service models

1. **Eligibility**

To be eligible to bid for this piece of work you must hold a valid academic honorary contract with Public Health England. There may be others involved in the bid who do not have a contract in place, and one will be arranged for them for the duration of the project if the bid is successful. Any bids received without a named honorary contract holder included will not be considered.

1. **Requirement**

The aim of the project is to undertake a review of the evidence and literature for parenting support for children between 0-2 years of age with a focus on intensive parenting support. The review will need to focus on parenting support that covers any parenting interventions that respond to need beyond standard care; ranging from enhanced standard care through to intensive parenting support.

The review will include:

* A description and definitions of the range of parenting support from enhanced standard care through to intensive parenting support
* Identification of the key components in effective parenting support
* Identification of interventions which have been implemented in England which deliver the key components of effective parenting support
* The range of approaches to delivery of intensive parenting support
* The outcomes for children and parents of effective parenting support interventions
* The evidence for the effectiveness of intensive parenting support including best practice examples
* Identification of the rationale for offering intensive parenting support, including interventions aimed at addressing a specific issue/s
* Identification of the components that make intensive parenting support effective
* The views of parents who have received intensive parenting support interventions

The final report will include recommendations to inform policy and practice development

1. **Deliverables**

A final report with findings, analysis and recommendations will be completed by September 2021 which includes:

* A review of the evidence and literature
* Analysis of the findings
* Summary of the implications for public health practice

1. **Timescales**

We expect the report to be completed by September 2021

1. **Costs**

This work will be delivered via an academic honorary contract and covered by a Collaborative Academic Research and Activity Agreement. Under such an arrangement PHE would be reimbursing the university for an individual’s time. There is a budget of £10,000 - £15,000. PHE will only fund directly incurred costs.

Expressions of Interest from small teams will be considered however the team leader must hold a PHE academic honorary contract and costs for all involved must not exceed the available budget stated above. Bid’s should detail partners and stakeholders involved in the proposed work.

1. **Risk Management**

Applicants should submit, as part of the application, a summary explaining what they believe to be the key risks to delivering this project and detailing the contingencies to be put in place to mitigate these.

1. **Supplier Response**

A written expression of interest responding to the requirements outlined in above, outlining plans to deliver each component part of the project, with a brief description of the proposed methods to be returned electronically to PHE within 15 working days.

Expressions of interest should be returned to the Academic Public Health Support team at [**AcademicPH@phe.gov.uk**](mailto:AcademicPH@phe.gov.uk)

The PHE lead for this work is Sarah Tyndall who will liaise with the supplier and provide day-to-day support from PHE. She can be contacted at [sarah.tyndall@phe.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.tyndall@phe.gov.uk)

All EoIs should be sent by email to [AcademicPH@phe.gov.uk](mailto:AcademicPH@phe.gov.uk) by no later Friday 5th March 2021.