**Commission for research into the supervision and assessment of practice learning: models of practice education and the role of the practice educator - Clarification Questions and Answers.**

**\*\*Important Clarification - The word count for Non-price/Quality Question 2 is confirmed at 1500 words max. (there was a discrepancy between two sections of the Invitation to Tender that stated both 1250/1500 words)\*\***

Q) Do you have any numbers in mind as to how many interviews and focus groups you are looking for?

A) We expect the bidder to determine the best methods for undertaking this research please.

1. Would SWE consider applications which explored a survey as well as interviews and focus groups?

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1. If successful, will Social Work England consider non-contentious amendments to the Contract? In particular, the mutualisation of the FOI clause (i.e., if the successful bidder is also subject to FOI requirements), and the inclusion of the following standard clauses: entire agreement, severance of illegal provisions, use of logos, counterparts, and e-signature.
2. The successful bidder will work with our Commercial Team to agree the contents of the contract.

Q) If successful, will Social Work England consider including a cap on the parties’ liability? Preferably at the level of the fees, and including the indemnities (even if with a separate cap).

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1. Please can you confirm that the successful bidder as Contractor will retain ownership of any intellectual property it brings to the services and that it creates as part of the services (with Social Work England receiving a broad licence)? If not, please can clarify what the position is? And in either case, would be willing to consider amendments to clause 8 to make it clearer what the intended position is?
2. The successful bidder will work with our Commercial Team to agree the contents of the contract.
3. ITT 5.3 asks for us to present ‘creative plans’ – can you clarify what is meant by this?
4. We are looking for a description of how the bidder would carry out this piece of research, we are interested in creative and innovative approaches to achieve this.
5. Do practice educators already have experience of co-production or would this be a new activity to them?
6. As social workers, practice educators should have an understanding of, and experience of, co-production. They may not have experience of co-production within the specific context of their role as a practice educator, or within higher education.
7. Do CVs count towards the word count?
8. No, we expect that CVs would be attached separately.
9. Do you have an idea of the number of in-person meetings in Sheffield that are likely to be required?
10. We do not anticipate needing any in-person meetings in Sheffield, however we would be able to host meetings in Sheffield if required.

Q) Do you have any numbers in mind as to how many interviews and focus groups you are looking for?

A) We expect bidders to determine the best methods for undertaking this research.

Q) We thought a survey as well as the interviews and focus groups would be valuable.

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