**Commission for research into public perceptions of the social work profession, regulator and standards in England - Response to Clarification Questions**

**Q) Do Social Work England have a list of the 'other professions' that they would like potential bidders to go out to?**

1. **We generally mean "other health and social care professions" when we say this - that is, the other professions regulated by the 9 regulators under the Professional Standards Authority. However, this is just shorthand - we would be happy for the bidder to choose professional groups as appropriate. We would expect the list to include doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, SALTs, but the bidder should also consider other professional groups adjacent to social work. They don't have to be a regulated group - like social care workers or care home managers - and they might be non-healthcare related professions like legal professionals - but we are happy for the bidder to think about, discuss and agree with us which groups they want to look at.**

**Q) Do Social Work England have a demographic break down, e.g., by region, that could guide the sample makeup?**

1. **We can't provide demographic data from the register, but we can give rough regional proportions so that they can consider how to balance the spread of social worker respondents across the country.**

**Q) Can Social Work England give us a list of social workers to contact to participate in the research?**

**A) Unfortunately, we can only use our contact details for regulatory purposes, which do not include research. We can only advertise that the research is happening, and direct people to the relevant page if they're interested in being involved.**

**Q) If potential bidders can't provide all of the requirements in the Invitation to Tender, are there any priority areas?**

1. **Social Work England don't currently have a priority list, but if the budget doesn't stretch, we would welcome conversations with potential bidders about which, or how many, of the elements of the research they could deliver - so that we can then have the discussions with them, and internally, about which parts we would want to see prioritised. We would want the bidder to consider (and, potentially, advise) on which parts of the research would, if taken forward, result in a coherent and actionable set of findings which can form the basis of our forward planning and policy work.**

**Q) We would like to ask, there was benchmark information gathered in 2020 - does part of the work that uses that as a benchmark need to replicate the same methodology. (We are assuming not, as this is not indicated specifically, but just checking with you in case building on the benchmarks in the same way is important)?**

**A) No, Social Work England are happy for potential providers to determine the most appropriate methodology for this project based on their own expertise and insight.**

**Q) We cannot access the copy of Social Work England’s standard Terms and Conditions within the Invitation to Tender?**

**A) We have attached a copy of these as an attachment, in the main body of the Contracts**

**Finder advert.**

**Q) We missed the drop in call, do you have a copy of the presentation slide show please?**

**A) We have attached a copy of the presentation in the main body of the Contracts**

**Finder advert.**