

ASYE Pre Market Engagement Event

Breakout Groups Outputs

7 July 2021

Other comments:

Requirements

- ☐ Will need timely responses to questions in procurement process.
- ☐ Need real clarity – throughput, expectations on assessment, what is in/out scope. NQs – from LAs or others orgs – be really clear on that. Give sense of whether volume doable in timeframes.
- ☐ A lot of comments in relation to the ITT and spec, around being clear:
 - ☐ on what DfE want (don't be ambiguous)
 - ☐ where the problem actually is
 - ☐ in Q&A throughout ME and ITT process don't be vague.
 - ☐ about where there is room for creativity.
 - ☐ try to make it as simple as possible and not overburden suppliers - suppliers don't want it to cost more to bid than value of contract (had that experience in the past) and don't always have time to complete length essays or questionnaires in response.
- ☐ Perhaps the Department could share its procurement rules and process in advance of the ITT – for those unfamiliar with the process?
- ☐ Where is there opportunity for change – sounds like QA and behind the scenes is DfE direction on where change can be made. Any areas for flexibility/creativity.
- ☐ Would like more information on the variability – what isn't working well. Share that information. (i.e. is it LAs with particular challenges who aren't delivering ASYE so well?). How can enable them to have better process.

Other comments:

- ❑ Frontline – keen to speak with whoever wins the contract to speak to Frontline as they have 450 NQSWs so a big pool of NQSWs to tap into to get feedback.
- ❑ For transition: Ensure good evaluation, impact report and lessons learned report and any data appropriate are in exit plans and shared with new suppliers.
- ❑ In social work, important to reflect and model values – relationships and human behaviours, sometimes governments de-humanise – make sure relationships is at the centre. Value of voice of people using the services.
- ❑ Care Review – can't predict what's going to happen, not just Care Review might impact. Some understanding of flexibility (e.g. 2+2 years).
- ❑ Social value is a helpful focus. What does the social value focus mean to us in relation to this programme.
- ❑ Need to consider what more DfE can do to support SME's (not necessarily just related to this procurement exercise but more widely)