

STUDY OF EARLY EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT (SEED)

PROJECT REFERENCE NUMBER: EOR/SBU/2011036

Variation to contract with: **National Centre for Social Research**

Dated: **21st September 2016**

Contract number: **2011/036**

Variation number: **8**

Amendments have been made to the contract for the Study of Early Education and Development. The changes cover changes to staff working on the study at NatCen Social Research and to a sub-contractor working with the lead organisation.

No other changes have been made to the study or invoicing schedules.

Schedule One Amendments

Clause One

The staffing section shall read as follows:

NatCen Social Research is responsible for the overall design, delivery and quality of the evaluation. University of Oxford, Frontier Economics and Action for Children will be subcontracted to NatCen to carry out specific components. [REDACTED] (University of Oxford) will be the project co-director and academic advisor.

The table below shows the individual and organisation leading on each component of the evaluation who will have responsibility for the design, delivery and strategic direction of the component.

| Evaluation Components, Organisation and Lead | | |
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| 1. Longitudinal Study of Children | NatCen Social Research / University of Oxford | [REDACTED] |
| 2. Study of Early Years Settings' quality, characteristics and processes | Action for Children / University of Oxford | [REDACTED] |

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| 3. Intensive case studies of good practice in early years settings | NatCen Social Research | ██████████ |
| 4. Value for Money study | Frontier Economics | ██████████ |
| 5. Qualitative studies of a. Children with SEN/disabilities and b. Children taking up funded early years education with childminders | NatCen Social Research | ██████████ |

NatCen

The Project manager for the Contractor will be ██████████ (Research Director in Children, Families and Work team at NatCen). ██████████ (Head of Children, Families and Work team) will have a general oversight of the project and will be responsible for quality assurance and delivery of project outputs. The Project manager will be the main point of contact for the Department and will coordinate the different evaluation strands.

██████████ will oversee the quantitative evaluation and its outputs. ██████████ and ██████████ will lead on the qualitative components. ██████████, Head of the Statistics Department, will lead on the evaluation sample design, and will be responsible for the weighting.

University of Oxford

██████████ will be the co-director and academic lead for the evaluation. He will be responsible for undertaking and reporting on impact analysis using data from the longitudinal study and for analysis and reporting on the Study of Early Years Settings' Quality, Characteristics and Processes (jointly with Action for Children). He will be assisted by ██████████, who is a Senior Statistician.

Frontier Economics

Frontier Economics will lead on Component 4 of the evaluation – the Value for Money Study. ██████████ will lead on this element.

Action for Children

From the 1st September 2016 Action for Children will replace 4Children. ██████████ at Action for Children will lead Component 2 of the evaluation – the Study of Early Years Settings – jointly with the University of Oxford. A team of around twelve experienced early years specialists will carry out the quality assessments, led by ██████████.

End of Schedule One

This Variation 8 is hereby agreed

Authorised to sign for an on behalf of the Secretary of State for Education

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