Provision of a parent / carer champion programme and community network to meet concerns and needs of parents / carers who have experienced the youth justice system or at risk of experiencing the system. We are also keen for the network to reach families of children and young people who are at risk of exploitation and harm.

Organisations are invited to respond to this questionnaire for the parent / carer champion programme and community parenting network for families of young people who have experienced the youth justice system, at risk of criminal activity or at risk of exploitation and harm. The London Borough of Newham is reviewing requirements for the provision of such support and would like to engage the market to determine the availability of suitable providers to seek quotes from. This is not an invitation to tender.

The successful provider will work in partnership with Headstart, a well-being service working closely with schools and the community to transform how young people and their families are supported to stay emotionally healthy. Headstart offers a range of peer led courses for parents, resilience workshops and parent forums. They are successfully delivering the Newham EPEC Parent Facilitator Being a Parent 9-16; Peer Led Parenting programme founded on the Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities. This led to Parent Facilitators who have played a successful part of Newham’s COVID19 response becoming key peer led parent supporters. The aim is to develop their role and establish a Peer Led Parent Network to provide grass roots support.

Throughout the project, both organisations will apply for grants to continue the work, based on evidence of the approach working with young people and their parents / carers as a successful way to steer young people away from violence and crime.

This VCS led partnership will deliver community capacity and capability to parents / carers within Newham. The partnership will combine experience, community understanding and delivery expertise to upscale and refocus current programmes to specifically meet concerns and needs of parents who have experienced the youth justice system or at risk of experiencing that system. Working closely with YOS and the multiagency early help Preventing Child Exploitation Harm Hub (PCEHH), the programme will identify parents who will receive support and training to manage their current situation and develop skills to support others. This will include parents who experience high levels of socio-economic deprivation.

This offers a targeted approach for parents through an EPEC (Empowering Parents Empowering Communities) /SFSC (Strengthening families, Strengthening Communities) way of working to focus on a group of parents whose children have been linked to YOS and offending services and at risk of exploitation or harm. The aims would be to develop parent facilitators who would take on the peer led approach. This group would develop as a community based network or voluntary based group.

The programme would link to Newham Community Connect programme, engaging with local community influencers to engage in conversations about wellbeing, youth violence and knife crime an initiative sponsored by the Newham Youth Safety Board

It would also link to the parent support and parent training taking place across the system to develop new approaches and understanding amongst a wider network of parents and create and develop a preventative programme in the future.

The parent / carer champion programme and network fits well into Newham Council programme of initiatives launched to support community development and wealth building, notably creating grass root responses and building and developing the capacity and confidence of local people to better respond their neighbours, colleagues and friends. This activity is driven by key strategies including Community Wealth Building, Making Newham the best place to live for children and young people and Public Health strategy 50 Steps to a Healthy Newham. The Newham Recovery plan is focused on supporting young people and families to be healthy enough to have more rewarding engagement with the economy and access the support they need to cope in financial challenging times and thrive in our new economy.

We aim to deliver our community parenting programmes that fits in with the cultural background of the residence of The London Borough of Newham which is diverse and multi-cultural in nature as there are 144 languages spoken in Newham, which makes it the richest culture in The UK.

We are seeking organisations to let us know if they might be able to deliver this offer.

The requirements of the service would be to:

* To work with parents and carers within the community across the London Borough of Newham.
* Breakdown barriers for reaching parents such as language, digital poverty and cultural.
* To work with existing partners that deliver services to parents and carers.
* To promote and develop the community champion model in conjunction with the parenting innovation working group.
* To contribute to regular parenting communication when appropriate.
* Be an active member of the parenting innovation group.
* To deliver online and face to face network and engagement sessions with the required families.
* Collect and provide agreed contract monitoring data.
* Be in place to deliver from early November 2021

The estimated value for the 12 months is £53,000

Deadline to complete and return this market test questionnaire on Monday 11th October at 5pm.

Please submit the completed questionnaire to Jason.Eustice@newham.gov.uk.

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| **Name of your Organisation** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Name of Key Contact** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Phone Number** |  |
| **Is your organisation a:** | * **Social Enterprise** * **Charity** * **Voluntary Community Sector/Third Sector** * **Other** |
| **Please provide a short introduction to your organisation (150 words max.)** |  |



**Please respond to the questions in the area provided below:**

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| **Question 1**  Do you currently deliver community based programmes and networks with parents / carers? Please provide us with some information on how you currently do this. | **Response** |
| **Question 2**  Do you currently deliver parent / carer services locally and do you have experience with engaging with the community in Newham? Please provide us with some information on how you currently do this. | **Response** |
| **Question 3**  Do you have experience of providing parent champion programmes and developing strong parenting networks? Please provide us with some information on how you currently do this. | **Response** |
| **Question 4**  Do you experience of engaging and developing networkwith parents / carers from diverse socio-economical communities |  |
| **Question 5**  How long would you need to implement/mobilise a parent champion / parenting network programme? | **Response** |
| **Question 6**  Would your organisation be interested in providing a quote for the above service? | **Response**  Yes / No |