



Responses to questions about the invitation to submit applications for SWPPPs

The following responses have been given to questions about the applications. Please note that some of the questions have been raised by more than one individual/organisation

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| Does this cover Scotland and Wales? | No. We are sorry but as the funding originated from the Department of Health, SWPPP seed funding only applies in England. |
| Is the seed funding open to organisations like ourselves as we do not employ Social Workers (but all our workers are employed in social care.....). Without giving anything away, we are keen to develop an innovative approach to social work practice. Can you please clarify this issue for me? | One of the criteria for SWPPPs is that they should be social worker led and your application should reflect this. |
| Would single handed SWPPPs be considered? | Proposals for single handed SWPPPs would need to demonstrate the same evidence that they meet the criteria as others and also that they can address such issues as continuity, quality and cover that such practices in other professions are challenged by. The request for funding would also need to be proportionate to the activity and anticipated outcomes. |
| Can I ask what kinds of organisations are permitted to apply? Could a small consultancy apply? This would of course be on the basis that the money is used solely for the costs associated with the project but it would mean we would be paid for our time in supporting the development of the work. I notice the information says the SWPPPs must be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constituted so that all funding is reinvested into the practice | Yes you are right. We have said that any organisation can apply: the challenge for all is to submit a convincing application that demonstrates that all the criteria are met. |

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| <p>And can be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formed as an independent practice and charge fees <p>If you could clarify this I'd be really grateful.</p> | |
| <p>The criteria state that SWPPPs must be independent of LA systems. They don't say they must be independent of the LA. Is that correct?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>I was wondering whether you had more information as to who could apply for this opportunity.</p> <p>I have looked at both the invitation and application form, and there doesn't appear to be any guidelines as to what an organisation can or can't be to apply.</p> <p>For example the type of qualifications staff may need, minimum and maximum turnover, that sort of thing.</p> <p>I was wondering if you could help please?</p> | <p>Please refer back to the Criteria for SWPPPs in the invitation, particularly to the last sentence of that section.</p> |
| <p>What are the expected plans post 31st March 2012? Is this something that is expected to be mainstreamed, would there be plans to role successful projects out across the country or AN other?</p> | <p>The intention both pre and post March 2013 is to share learning from the SWPPPs (hence the requirements to evaluate and engage in sharing learning). The seed funding is not recurring.</p> |
| <p>Can SWPPPs involve staff other than Social Workers?</p> | <p>SWPPPs must be Social Worker led. That said, there is no reason why they shouldn't also employ or involve a whole range of other staff such as nurses, OTs, psychologists, other therapists etc</p> |
| <p>I'd be grateful if you could confirm that this new invite is for areas not previously covered by a SWP site.</p> | <p>Existing SWP areas would have to evidence demonstrably different aspects in order to get through</p> |
| <p>Can we meet with you to discuss proposals?</p> | <p>Unfortunately I am not able to meet with individuals or organisations who are interested in putting forward proposals. However, do please e-mail any queries and I will respond.</p> |

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