



# ACCELERATING GROWTH

EDINBURGH AND SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND  
CITY REGION DEAL

Request for  
Information:  
EESCRD IIFS

Edinburgh and South East Scotland Intensive Family Support Service

# Intensive Family Support Service

- The Intensive Family Support Service (IFSS) will support the IRES programme by targeting significant pockets of persistent, entrenched worklessness and poverty that are evident throughout the ESES city region and implement a holistic, “whole family” approach that will tackle intergenerational disadvantage.
- The service will focus primarily on workless, lone parent and low-income households.
- It will support adults to provide a better environment for their young people and promote progression opportunities for every member of the family.

# IFSS Request for Information: Purpose

- Share the results of the co-production process and outline how this has informed the service specification for the area
- Seek information from the market
- Alert potential bidders to the forthcoming competitive grants process under the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal


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- City Region Deal has been approved by UK and Scottish Government
- Includes Integrated Regional Employability and Skills (IRES) element
- Up to 25 million over 8 years investment
- Intensive Family Support Service Business Case approved by CRD joint board

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- ESESCRD is essentially about change management
  - How do we change existing active funds to work better?
  - How do we use ESESCRD funding to support this?
  - How do we ensure any change is sustainable?
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# Intensive Family Support – Phasing

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- Capital City Partnership to facilitate a competitive grants process and contract manage new service across 6 local authorities
- Co-production has been conducted with service providers, service users (Summer 2019) and stakeholders – this formed the service approach taken in each area
- Service specification broken down into ‘lots’ covering each local authority individually.
- Scottish Borders and West Lothian will take an alternative model of delivery.

# Anticipated Service Delivery Start Dates:



Edinburgh, East Lothian,  
Midlothian from July 2020

Fife, Scottish Borders, West  
Lothian by October 2020

- The IFSS has £4.7M of funding from the Integrated Regional Employability and Skills (IRES) Programme over the course of the 8-year City Region Deal Programme, but it is expected that significant match funding will also be applied
- Potential long-term project but initial grant will be a 2-year contract
- Various approaches taken according to need and resource in each local authority

# Phased Approach – Phase One

- Initial two-year contract (2020 – 2022)
- Establishing and refining service delivery, building capacity in the third sector and developing relationships with identified families that are supported by the project in order that they can participate in future service design.
- Test of change approach to delivery. Key to this phase will be commencing learning activity so that we build an understanding of best practice in this emerging policy area.
- A community of practice will be established across local authorities.
- Evaluation – recommendations will be carried forward into Phase 2. This RFI concerns phase one.



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- One area identified is Vulnerable Families - ensuring growth benefits those in most need
- Small areas identified through SIMD, labour market stats and local knowledge.
- Short term and inconsistent funding has been an issue, rarely addresses entrenched issues
- Links to Child Poverty Action Plans, increasing Child Poverty. Two thirds of children living in poverty and in a household where someone works. 40% of children in poverty live in a house where someone is disabled or has a long-term health condition.
- 'Mitigate, prevent and undo'

# Intensive Family Support – co-production and design

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### **Key Messages:**

- Choice
- Flexibility & reliability
- Stigma
- Involvement
- Relationships
- Location/s & transport



# Next Steps

- Service specification will be issued in April 2020
- Competitive Grants process will begin April 2020
- All updates will be circulated via Public Contract Scotland.

Questions can be asked via The RFI and PIN on Public Contract Scotland:

PIN Reference No: FEB380361

RFI Reference No: FEB380362

The RFI survey is available to respond to here: [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RFI\\_IFSS](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RFI_IFSS)