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EDINBURGH AND SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND
CITY REGION DEAL

Request for
Information:
Midlothian

Edinburgh and South East Scotland Intensive Family Support Service

Intensive Family Support Service: Midlothian Model

- IFSS delivery in Midlothian will take a targeted approach across Midlothian
- Delivery focused on high risk families with at least one child/ren under 16 that are known to have a recurring need for support and face multiple barriers to moving out of poverty.
- The service will be aligned with Midlothian Council's Communities and Lifelong Learning team and will work in partnership with local third sector and statutory agencies as part of an established multidisciplinary group to identify families that would benefit from this type of support.

IFSS Midlothian Model: Service Provision

Communities and Lifelong Learning Service will support the project through a CLL keyworker who will work with the team to develop employability and core skills provision for families.

To ensure that the goals of the ESESCRD IFSS are achieved, the following additional staff resource is required:

Two FTE Key Worker posts that will be responsible for:

- a)** Family Support Work (including one-to-one support and whole family support). This role involves looking at the core issues that may affect the whole family and addressing these to stabilize families and increase independence.
- b)** Advice Work (including signposting and supporting families to engage with welfare local and national advice and employability provision).

IFSS Midlothian

- A barrier removal fund will form a part of this service. Applications should specify an amount/percentage of funding to be utilised as a barrier removal fund.
- This will take the form of a grant agreement for up to 2 years.
- Staffing support should be flexible and based around the needs of the family (including home visits).
- IFSS Midlothian aims to work with 19 families over the first two years of the project.

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.
- Service delivery expected to begin by July 2020.

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

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The RFI survey is available to respond to here: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RFI_IFSS