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EDINBURGH AND SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND
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Request for
Information:
East Lothian

Edinburgh and South East Scotland Intensive Family Support Service

Intensive Family Support Service: East Lothian Model

- The intention is that IFSS delivery in East Lothian will support and expand the Our Families project in Musselburgh East.
- The 'Our Families' is a public and third sector approach to working with families who are experiencing disadvantage in the Musselburgh East, Wallyford and Whitecraig areas.
- Focused on families with children aged between 0 - 12 with emphasis on early intervention for families with primary aged children.
- The service will be co-located within the Musselburgh East Community Centre.
- This is a new project which is just starting and is supported and governed by the East Lothian Children's Strategic Partnership. There is a Project Oversight Group in place.

IFSS East Lothian Model: Service Provision (Existing)

The existing Our Families staff team consists of:

- 1 Family Support Worker (ELC substantive post)
- 1 Family Support Worker (delivered by CareFree Kids and funded by the Area Partnership; this staff member is particularly focused on families with pre-school children and the post is currently funded to March 2021)
- 1 Family Project Worker (delivered by Children 1st and funded by the Area Partnership; this staff member also has a development role within the team, the post is currently funded to March 2021)
- Support and supervision time delivered by an existing Children 1st Team Leader working within a service commissioned by East Lothian Children's Services.
- East Lothian Works will support the project through an Employability Development Officer

IFSS East Lothian Model: Service Provision

To complement the existing team the following staff resource is required:

- **One FTE post that will be responsible for:** income maximisation support (benefits calculations, debt advice, support applications)
- **One 0.5 FTE post that will responsible for:** employability support (including one-to-one support, group work and support to engage with national provision such as Fair Start)
- **One 0.5 FTE Co-ordinator who will be responsible for:** co-ordination of the staff team and development of the project including evaluation and reporting on impact

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- 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.
- The Our Families project aims to work with 19 families over the first two years of the project (April 2020 – March 2022).

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