

Specification for Services: Walsall

Context:

In October 2019 a collaborative whole systems, place based pilot was launched in St Matthews Ward in Walsall, focused on preventing and reducing violence. The project is funded through by West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit. This year we are expanding our place based work across the borough.

Project Background

This year WM VRU will work intensively this year in areas of the city impacted more by violence and the risk factors that make violence more likely in the future. Our work brings together local stakeholders, to consolidate interventions and activity to reduce and prevent violence.

Subject of this Specification

We are seeking a specialist mentoring service provider to work across the borough supporting young people at risk of:

- Engaging or being exposed to violence or exploitation;
- Exclusion from an education setting.

The mentoring should be delivered on a one to one basis and be tailored to meet the needs of young people aged 11-25 years. The provider should be able to deliver group interventions where required.

The provider should be experienced in delivering mentoring to young people in education settings, and be able to demonstrate competency in working with special educational needs and disabilities.

Provision should be focused on those living and/or going to school in St Matthews, Bloxwich, Aldridge and Willenhall, but be flexible to meet the needs of young people from outside of those areas as required.

Activity would commence in September 2021 and currently would end 31st March 2021 but may be subject to extension at that point. Maximum funding for the provision is £20,000.

Response to this Specification

Expressions of interest in this specification are requested in the first instance by 5pm on 6th September 2021, along with completion of the attached project proposal template which should then be returned to Erica Jarrett, Community Navigator Walsall, WM VRU. e.jarrett@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk Please contact Erica on 07391 018746 with any queries in relation to this specification or a project proposal.