

Reducing Parental Conflict (RPC)

Evidence & Dissemination Grant

Market Engagement 8th September– Questions & Answers

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| Q1 | <p>What is the Evidence & Dissemination Grant? General</p> | <p>The purpose of the grant is NOT to deliver interventions – DWP are funding other areas within the RPC programme to do this.</p> <p>The grant funding is to gather evidence and support 3 broad but interlinked themes:</p> <p>1) Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce Tools – a range of resources for use by local services that allow adaptation to circumstances • Produce Self-Assessment Planning Tools and analyse results to support the development of RPC plans • Support numerous services with data gathering and analysis – to influence future decision making <p>2) Increasing Reach & Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share and promote good practice by using a range of platforms and methods to disseminate learning i.e. National networks, partnership working and face-to-face events <p>3) Supporting More Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake evidence reviews on specific areas where there are gaps and collate more evidence on how to engage with a broader range of parents • Use the provider’s expertise to innovate i.e. identify emerging themes of interest and share with the DWP RPC team on how to investigate and report on the themes that support the Government’s Family Policy agenda |
| Q2 | <p>Will there be a conflict of interest if an organisation/provider is delivering training to LAs from the DWP RPC Local Grant fund?</p> <p>Kam Kaur Claire Field</p> | <p>No – From a DWP viewpoint any training/services being delivered from the DWP RPC Local Grant are and must be distinguished from the evidence gathering and dissemination being carried out from the EDG Grant. The funding streams are unique and separate and should be used accordingly.</p> <p>From a DWP viewpoint an organisation/provider should not use EDG Grant Funding to promote training/services being delivered by that organisation/provider using RPC Local Grant funding.</p> <p>The EDG is about looking at the wider overall evidence and research and disseminating what works well into all available local services</p> |

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| Q3 | Will evidence building be carried out by DWP or an independent research organisation e.g. university | It will not be DWP. Grant Applicants will need to include details of who they propose should do evidence building and how such evidence building will be conducted. |
| Q4 | <p>Is the purpose of the grant to support parents and/or children with Specialist Interventions?</p> <p>Karen Shalev Greene Jan Ewing Huseyin Djemil</p> | <p>The EDG is not delivering interventions to parents and/or children</p> <p>Its purpose is to (see Q1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather relevant and useful evidence which would support LAs and other front-line services working with families in conflict, acknowledging the various levels of support available. • Help LAs to measure their progress and success whilst embedding RPC into local services. |
| Q5 | <p>Clarification whether DWP want to look at existing evidence and develop a new intervention or review and share existing evidence 'what works'</p> <p>Jan Ewing – University of Exeter</p> | <p>The EDG provider will gather and review evidence of existing RPC support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what is currently working on the ground and the reasons why (not just specialist interventions). • emerging practices to support the quality in RPC. • produce best practice to disseminate wider to local services. |
| Q6 | <p>Does DWP have an academic partner on the RPC programme</p> <p>Rick Hood Kingston University</p> | <p>No – although, Professor Gordon Harold from Cambridge University has supported DWP analysts during the delivery of specialist interventions within Contract Package Areas, now completed.</p> |
| Q7 | <p>What is the overall approach to Parental Conflict, Domestic Abuse (DA) and child safeguarding?</p> <p>Rick Hood Kingston University</p> | <p>RPC is not intended to directly deal with DA and child safeguarding as these are separate matters. DWP work closely with key stakeholders to understand the differences and use of correct terminology including the DA Commissioner.</p> <p>Local Authorities are ultimately responsible for child safeguarding. The RPC training covers this area for identification and signposting to the correct support. Guidance supplements and advises practitioners to work with LA DA single point of contacts.</p> |
| Q8 | <p>Is DWP interested in other areas other than LAs or on a wider scale.</p> | <p>This grant is focused on gathering evidence for local aspects, looking at LAs and those working with multi-agency partnerships.</p> |

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| | <p>Aware RPC exists in other areas not just in LAs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Law proceedings • end of care • foster parents • multi agencies etc. <p>is there an interest in different access points for RPC (beginning of the conflict)?</p> <p>Kam Kaur</p> | <p>Evidence is valuable to understand the different access points of the journey for both intact/separated parents to develop good practice for reducing parental conflict in supporting LAs and their partners.</p> |
| Q9 | <p>National Association of Child Contact Centres (NACCC) – how do the 300 contact centres fit with RPC as it impacts a wide range of services</p> <p>Elizabeth Coe</p> | <p>The research and understanding of the evidence from a wide range of services will help inform LAs and their partners to understand how parental conflict impacts on this and other areas – parental conflict impacts multi-agencies</p> |
| Q10 | <p>How much mapping has been done nationally across LAs?</p> <p>What have DWP got and where can researchers see the evidence what works and emerging good practices etc.</p> <p>Anne Barlow</p> | <p>The attached slides do have links to evidence and information gathered during the programme so far: There are also links to evaluation reports from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge Fund 1 • Three independent Evaluation reports • Children of Alcohol Dependent Parents <p>DWP also has considerable internal information which would be shared in accordance with legal requirements with the successful applicant on what LAs are presently delivering including access to our regional networks.</p> |
| Q11 | <p>Will DWP require any organisational pre-requisites in terms of (turnover)</p> <p>Huseyin Djemil</p> | <p>DWP's grant rules do not explicitly consider turnover however, there are minimum required standards which will be included in the full grant documentation. Also, all applications will be run through Spotlight, government's online automated due-diligence tool. More information is available at:</p> <p>Grants Management Function - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> |