

Annex A: Application questions, criteria and scoring

Applicants to the Trusted Relationships Fund should submit an Expression of Interest through the Crown Commercial Service eSourcing suite.

To help you prepare your Expression of Interest, outlined below are the criteria for this stage, questions you will need to answer against each criterion, the weighting of the criteria and the scoring methodology that we will use to assess your application.

Additional questions about your project and estimated costs are included on the application form, but these are for information only and are not included in the assessment at Expression of Interest stage.

Criteria: Project deliverables and outcomes **Weighting: 50**

1. Please provide an overview of the work you intend to deliver, including:
 - aims of the project and how these will meet the overarching objectives of the fund outlined in the prospectus;
 - outputs;
 - number of young people supported, the nature of this support, and their age range;
 - intended outcomes (specific, measurable, realistic, timescales). These should include outcomes for young people but may also include wider outcomes, for example system or workforce capability;
 - how the project will contribute to the evidence base on what works to protect young people at risk of these types of abuse and exploitation.
(500 words)
2. Please explain your theory of change - why do you think the outputs will lead to the outcomes listed? Is this based on existing evidence, or is this testing a new theory? (300 words)

Score	Scoring Guidance
5	Applicant demonstrates outstanding links to overarching objectives; meets the intended target cohort; excellent links to desired outcomes; theory of change is articulated well; intentions to add to the evidence base are thorough.
4	Applicant demonstrates good links to overarching objectives; meets the intended target audience; good links to desired outcomes; theory of change is articulated well; intentions to add to the evidence base are considerable.
3	Applicant demonstrates adequate links to overarching objectives; meets the intended target audience; adequate links to desired outcomes; basic theory of change; intentions to add to the evidence base are considerable.
2	Applicant demonstrates weak links to overarching objectives; does not meet all of the intended target cohort; weak links to desired outcomes; theory of change is flawed; intentions to add to the evidence base are weak.
1	Applicant demonstrates sparse links to overarching objectives; does not meet intended target cohort; weak links to desired outcomes; theory of change is problematic; intentions to add to the evidence base are weak.
0	Applicant demonstrate no links to overarching objectives; does not meet intended target cohort; no links to desired outcomes; theory of change is incomprehensible; level of intention to add to the evidence base is unacceptable.

Criteria: Need and additionality
Weighting: 30

- Please outline the need for the project in your area, including any evidence you are able to provide on the scale and nature of the abuse and exploitation types listed in the prospectus. Where there are gaps in evidence, you may wish to outline how this project will help fill knowledge gaps. (300 words)

Score	Scoring Guidance
5	Applicant presents outstanding evidence for need and additionality, including how this project will add value over and above existing structures; compelling local qualitative and quantitative evidence is included; where there are gaps in knowledge this is identified and it is clear how the project will fill these gaps.
4	Applicant presents good evidence for need and additionality, including how this project will add value over and above existing

	structures; relevant local qualitative and quantitative evidence is included; where there are gaps in knowledge this is identified and it is clear how the project will fill these gaps.
3	Applicant presents adequate evidence for need and additionality, including how this project will add value over and above existing structures; relevant qualitative and/or quantitative evidence is included; where there are gaps in knowledge there are indications of how the project will help to fill these gaps.
2	Applicant presents weak evidence for need and additionality; unclear how the project will add value over existing structures; limited local evidence to support proposals, gaps in knowledge are not acknowledged or likely to be filled by the project.
1	Applicant demonstrates insufficient evidence for need and additionality; unclear how the project will add value over existing structures; no local evidence to support proposal; gaps in knowledge are not identified.
0	Applicant presents no evidence for need and additionality; no suggestion of how the project will add value over existing structures; no local evidence and gaps in knowledge are not identified.

Criteria: Partnership working
Weighting: 20

4. Please describe how you will work with other local organisations to deliver your project. This may include, for example, working with partners to receive referrals, to deliver interventions together, or to provide additional support to young people involved in the project. Please note that at full application stage you will need to include signatures from key partners to confirm they will contribute to the project as outlined in the application. (300 words)

Score	Scoring Guidance
5	Applicant presents very strong plans to work with partners, through well established relationships, to receive referrals, to deliver interventions together, and/or to provide additional support to young people involved in the project.
4	Applicant presents strong plans to work with partners to receive referrals, to deliver interventions together, and/or to provide additional support to young people involved in the project
3	Applicant presents credible plans to work with partners to receive referrals, to deliver interventions together, and/or to provide

	additional support to young people involved in the project.
2	Applicant presents limited plans to work with partners to receive referrals, to deliver interventions together, and/or to provide additional support to young people involved in the project.
1	Applicant presents very limited plans to work with partners to receive referrals, to deliver interventions together, and/or to provide additional support to young people involved in the project.
0	Applicant presents no credible plans for working with other local organisations in the delivery of their project.