Virtual School

Funded Projects

Expression of Interest (EOI) form

Attendance and educational outcomes are significantly worse for children with a social worker (CiN / CP) and those who have had a social worker in the last six years than they are for their peers. We are interested in exploring projects which seek to enable improved outcomes for this cohort through creative and innovative approaches.

Projects which specifically address the following priorities will be welcomed:

* Improving attendance
* Improving Engagement
* Levelling up outcomes

The Virtual School can provide:

* Significant funding to support the development and implementation of the project (to be agreed according to the scale of the project)
* Trauma Informed Schools training, as required.
* A Level 6 qualified CIAG lead with particular expertise in the needs of children known to social care to support the development of the project and act as a link with careers leads within schools.
* A linked Education Advisor who will offer mentoring and coaching within the project

It is expected that the project run over two to three years.

Successful applicants will be expected to share the journey and outcomes of their project to inform the wider work of the Virtual School and key partners.

Projects should have a legacy and aim to have long-term sustainability in the absence of continued funding from the Virtual School.

The form below should be used to submit an expression of interest (EOI) to undertake a project using grant funding.

Applications are welcomed from schools or multi-academy trusts.

Please use this form and email the completed version to [**virtualschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**](mailto:virtualschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk), with your ‘**School name’** followed by ‘**EOI**’ included in the email “subject” field. Forms to be submitted by **Friday 1st December 2023**.

# How your application will be assessed

Applications will be assessed by the Virtual School senior leadership team.

The Virtual School Head will make the final decision.

1. Each application will be assessed against the following:
   * Planned outcome
   * Full description
   * Accurate costings
   * Impact Measures
   * ‘Legacy’ impact
2. Applications will be selected also taking into account geographical spread, coverage of priorities, numbers of children who have or have had a social worker. (CiC/CPIC/CiN/CP).

The total number of successful applications is not determined at the outset and will be determined based on the above as well as the total amount of funding available.

# Section 1 – School Details

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| Applicant Information | |
| Name of School(s) |  |
| Name of Lead Applicant |  |
| Role of Lead Applicant |  |
| Email of Lead Applicant |  |
| **Contextual Information**  (If applying as a cluster of schools / MAT – please breakdown numbers by school and then give total) | |
| Number of Children in Care |  |
| Number of Children Previously in Care |  |
| Number of Children with current or previous social care support (current or previous CiN/CP) |  |

# Section 2 – Project Proposal

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| **Project Name** |  |
| **Which of the priorities will be addressed?** |  |
| **Planned outcome of project** |  |
| **Full Description of project** |  |
| **Proposed Timeline** |  |

# Section 3 – Project Costings

Extend table as required.

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| **Resource required:** | **Action(s) and/or**  **Intervention(s) linked to resource:** | **Cost of intervention**  **(To include day rate or salary of posts)** | **Estimated total**  **cost** |
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| **Grand Total** | | |  |

# Section 4 – Impact

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| **What is the baseline of the project?** |  |
| **How will you measure impact?** |  |
| **What evidence will you collect?** |  |
| **How does this project link to the national ‘Stable Homes’ agenda?** |  |