

Frequently asked questions – support for children with lived experience of modern slavery

For a joint application, do both staff need to belong to a UKRI registered orgs? Or could it be done jointly with an NGO?

All applicants to this call need to be based at either a UK University or UKRI approved research organisation for the duration of this project.

What type of quantitative data are you considering including? Will this already be manipulated or raw data?

Quantitative data on the ICTG Service will be collected in partnership with Barnardo's based on the research questions codesigned in the first phase of collaborative work planning. Data to be shared will be subject to data sharing agreements with Barnardo's and in conjunction with the Home Office who contract Barnardo's to undertake the ICTG Service. The Home Office have indicated that they are supportive of this data being analysed via this project. The format of the data will depend on how the researcher wants to use the data and this will be agreed in the co-designed data sharing agreement.

Does the Modern Slavery PEC need to approve budgets before application?

The Modern Slavery PEC does not need to approve the budget before it is submitted, but we recommend applicants check their budgets with their research office before submitting to us. If you have any questions on your budget you can email office@modernslaverypec.org where we can answer your questions.

Is it permissible to build some supervision staff costs (e.g. a number of fixed days) for staff other than the Fellow - to ensure institutional support?

Yes, this is permissible but the rationale and arrangements for this would need to be clearly outlined in the proposal. The successful fellow(s) will also receive support from the Modern Slavery PEC team and Barnardo's.

If applying for the role share, would you like to see some words around how this would work? e.g., particular responsibility of each person? Can two people share the personal specification?

Yes, in role-sharing applications we would like to see a breakdown of how each applicant would answer the elements of the objectives and personal specification, so applications should show the breakdown of the fellowship between the two applicants and each of the specialities they will bring. For role shares, each applicant can answer certain elements of the personal specification and the panel will look to see that the personal specification is met across the two applications.

Is there an expectation of any engagement with other ICTG services?

Yes, engagement with the ICTG Service would come via the collaborative working arrangements with Barnardo's. This would include site visits e.g., regional team meetings, being embedded with Barnardo's via their virtual office and a period of co-designing the research project with Barnardo's staff. We are keen to run a project that evaluates the service in a new and innovative ways. There is not a requirement to engage with other Guardianship Services in Scotland and NI.

Would you want us to suggest other sources of data too or is it restricted to the data already collected?

Data sources are identified in the call document, these are subject to data sharing agreements. Qualitative data will be newly generated throughout the project and this is reflected in the desirable objectives. We are interested to see what applicant's suggestions are and we will build upon this when co-designing the research.

Would Barnardo's be willing (in principle) to share case-level data, or would the data they're willing to share be limited to aggregated data? Should applications include a plan A and a plan B in case this data cannot be shared.

Data is subject to data sharing agreements and ethics applications. In the application there is a question about risk and risk management, so in this question we would be interested to see how individuals acknowledge and respond to the risk of data not being available. In the core of the application, we would recommend outlining a plan A.

What would the management arrangements be in terms of an individual's own line manager, Modern Slavery PEC and Barnardo's?

Traditional line management will come from the host institution, e.g. holidays and sickness, annual reviews etc. Ethics and research operations (such as procurement) would also go through the host university or research organisation. The Modern Slavery PEC will be task managing the fellow, this means working with them on tasks relating to the project, such as research design, creation of research tools, development of policy impact, communications and partnerships plans. Barnardo's will manage the fellow with respect to their integration at Barnardo's, this might include working with practitioners, shadowing arrangements and working with young people. This will be finalised during the set up phase of the project.

Can you provide any further information on the site visits mentioned in the call document?

Please see the rough lists of potential site visits listed below. These are examples of where visits might take place, so some of the locations haven't been set up yet, but hopefully give you a rough idea of where you might need to travel to. For the application purposes, we'd recommend you note in the justification of resources that you have made best estimates of these costs, so that the panel understand if you do not have precise locations yet.

The examples we have been given are:

1. Team Meeting in South Wales (location tbc)
2. Team Meeting in Manchester
3. Team Meeting in Birmingham

4. Team Meeting in Southeast (location tbc)
5. Team Meeting in London (central)
6. Team Meeting in London (central)
7. ICTG Service Conference – Midlands e.g. Derby, Nottingham area
8. Senior Management Team meeting – Warwickshire/Coventry area
9. Extra meeting scheduled (aim for Midlands area)
10. Extra meeting scheduled (aim for Midlands area)

As you can see, these are all tbc, but hopefully give you enough of an indication to get estimates on travel prices.