

Request for Information: Ref NCC-030279-17

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act. You asked about the Framework Agreement for the Provision of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Training Programme

Tender Reference: DN325296

1. The names of all Commissioning Officers acting on behalf of the Authority in regard this tender - The Council approach to releasing Officers names is to release Group Manager level and above. Therefore, the named officer in regard to this tender is Susan March - Senior Public Health and Commissioning Manager.

2. The names of individuals and organisations that informed (advised) the decision-making of said Commissioners in designing the tender, pre-issue. There were no external advisors outside the authority used to develop the tender.

3. The extent to which said Commissioners knew of any existing relationship between the individuals and organisations (those providing information and advice to inform the Commissioners in the tender construction and design) and the main commercial benefactors of the tender, namely, MHFA (England) and LivingWorks Education Inc, and, what procedures and legal advice was obtained (and from which named individuals) to manage any known (or unknown) conflict of interest that arose (or may arise) in the event of any pre-existing relationship between same parties (advisors and MHFA (England) and Living Works Education Inc.). Any legal advice obtained was subject to legal professional privilege and is therefore exempt under Section 42. There are no commercial benefactors of the tender. The tender process ceased without award. There are no pre-existing relationships between advisors or commissioners with MHFA or Living Works Inc.

4. What advice or guidance was obtained by the commissioners regarding statutorily governed vocational learning qualifications (the National Qualifications Framework for England 2018 and Qualifications Credit Framework for England) as part of the consultation process, pre-issue of tender. There was no consultation process with Providers. The requirements were developed from a previous reviewed service. The Commissioners were not looking for material differences in scope from the reviewed services.

5. How and / or through what channels / relationships the Consultation for this tender was commissioned and advertised, and for what period of time. There was no consultation.

I hope this information is helpful. If you are unhappy with the response you have received you can request a review of our decision, by contacting the Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP telephone: 0115 9772788 or email foi@nottscc.gov.uk