



Expressions of Interest are invited from established voluntary and community sector organisations to work collaboratively in partnership with Wessex Cancer Alliance and other community and voluntary sector groups to deliver a project to raise awareness of signs and symptoms of cancer, cancer screening and support early diagnosis within local communities.

Wessex Cancer Alliance are seeking to identify one organisation to manage this project across Wessex Cancer Alliance, priority areas of Southampton, Portsmouth, Isle of Wight and Dorset.

The project is expected to be live by end of March 2019, and will continue for at least one year: or until either Wessex Cancer Alliance or the successful agency decide to end this arrangement. More details of expected ways of managing this funding are provided in the Memorandum of Understanding.

The Wessex Cancer Alliance has non-recurrent funding available to assist with the delivery of its vision of building a social capital network within these areas. Social capital is a valuable tool in improving people's health as it makes use of social groups and relationships to influence behaviour for the better. The project is expected to:

- Promote healthy lifestyles and cancer prevention
- Raise awareness of signs and symptoms of cancer
- Improve the early detection of cancer
- Support and encourage hard to hear groups to improve access to early diagnosis within local communities

The Cancer Alliance would therefore like to receive expressions of interest from a third sector organisation with the ability to work across the geography identified and who wishes to work with the Alliance to maximise the impact of this project.

This will be achieved by working with all the local stakeholders including: community, voluntary and faith groups; cancer and carers support groups; Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee groups, and disability organisations to support the delivery of this project.

The Alliance would require interested organisations to deliver the following:

- Support different community, social, and ethnic groups to help them to raise awareness around cancer within their communities
- Deliver training and resources across the patch
- Work with existing volunteers and leaders in the community to become cancer champions
- Working with the Alliance, develop simple criteria and process for a community micro grants scheme
- Manage and support this grants process for groups to access locally
- Develop a communications and engagement plan
- Have an online presence/platform to effectively complement and promote existing services and interventions around cancer prevention
- Report back outcomes to the Wessex Cancer Alliance



We believe that:

- This is an exciting and challenging opportunity that can have a real, lasting impact within our local communities.
- This is an opportunity to inform and support communities to access prevention information and early diagnosis services.
- This is a chance for community groups to inspire individuals and communities to adopt healthier lifestyles; to access screening and to enable individuals to recognize symptoms that require early attention.
- This project will help improve knowledge of improving survival rates, and help to dispel some myths around cancer.

We expect this to be delivered in a flexible way, with existing services and groups. We would like the successful partner to describe their innovative approach to doing this.

There is funding of at least £155k available to support this work, there may be more - we are currently awaiting confirmation of this. Funding will need to be distributed to the successful organisation by March 2019. We expect that this funding will support activities in all areas throughout the next financial year until March 2020 and beyond if funding allows.

It is expected that a maximum value of 10% of this sum is to be used by the successful organisation to support the administration and management of this work. We will ask you to provide a breakdown of your plan to manage and administer this.

Please outline your response in no more than 2,000 words.

1. Describe how you will deliver the above outcomes, and report on them, highlighting your experience to date
2. How you will meet the aims as identified
3. Describe and evidence your timescales and ability to mobilise quickly and the budget required.

In addition, please provide details of your planned budget/cost breakdown, and your knowledge and experience to manage this funding, maximum 2 sides of A4.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact:

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Expressions of Interest to be emailed to robert.radford@nhs.net by **noon Tuesday 11th December 2018**

Selection Panel will meet to shortlist on: Friday 14th December 2018

Shortlisted agencies will be invited to present to panel on: Tuesday 8 January 2019. Details of panel will be provided to the shortlisted organisations.

Decision will be made by Friday 11 January 2019 to allow sufficient time for the successful agency to finalise project plans with Wessex Cancer Alliance, and to agree a launch date before end of March 2019.