**Improving the treatment pathway for people with Multiple Sclerosis experiencing urinary tract infections**

**Engagement tender specifications**

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| **Objectives of Engagement** | To engage with people in South West London who have multiple sclerosis to understand their experiences, with a specific focus on how their urinary tract infections have been managed and to find out what further support may be needed. |
| **Contact** | Helen Clackson (NHS South West London ICB) Helen.Clackson@swlondon.nhs.uk |
| **Date** | Deadline for applications midday 27 March and invoice for payment to be submitted by 31 March. Plan for delivery to be discussed. (See below) |

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| **1. Background** |
| A new project has been set up with a focus on preventing people with multiple sclerosis being admitted into hospital by enabling the early management of urinary tract infections (UTIs).  The initial project will look at Multiple Sclerosis but if successful could be widened to include other neurological conditions. Neurological conditions include a wide range of conditions, disorders and syndromes affecting the brain, spinal cord, nerves and muscles. Well known conditions include multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer’s and other dementias, epilepsy and Parkinson’s disease.  Often when people with neurological conditions get a UTI it really affects their overall health and wellbeing. It can lead to long hospital stays and people’s health can become worse after they leave hospital. Early identification and management can prevent this. |
| **2. Engagement requirements** |
| We want to find out about peoples’ experience of accessing current services for UTI’s and find out how the service works for them. We want to listen to peoples’ suggested recommendations about a future new model being proposed for the early management of UTIs.  We are seeking to fund local community voluntary organisations to support and help us deliver targeted engagement work to help shape a new model of care for the early management of urinary tract infections for people with Multiple Sclerosis.  For example, this could be by helping us host and deliver focus groups, or by conducting face-to-face and telephone interviews. The groups we are looking to speak to are:   * All people with multiple sclerosis, their families and carers in South West London * Communities in particular (but not exclusively) in:   + Croydon – Croydon North, Addington and Fairfield   + Kingston – Beverley and Berrylands   + Merton - East Merton (Mitcham and the surrounding areas)   + Sutton – Sutton Central, St Helier and Wandle Valley   + Richmond – Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside   + Wandsworth - Roehampton, Queenstown, Latchmere and Tooting |
| **3. Engagement proposals** |
| Interested organisations should submit the application form (Appendix 1) with proposals for how they could use the funding to support with reaching the target groups.  Please let us know what activity/activities you could carry out in the coming months, detailing how you would reach out to people to get involved, the budget required, further opportunities to engage with carers and any support needed from NHS SW London.  In addition, we welcome joint bids for funding – so if your organisation is interested in hosting money on behalf of a number of organisations please get in touch to discuss your proposal.  The total funding available is £12k (£2k per borough), we’d like the engage with residents from all boroughs if possible.  If you would like to discuss this work, please email  Helen Clackson (NHS South West London ICB)  [Helen.Clackson@swlondon.nhs.uk](mailto:Helen.Clackson@swlondon.nhs.uk) |
| **4. Accountability** |
| The organisation will be accountable to NHS SW London to deliver agreed activity as part of the grant funding agreement.  In addition, organisations must be able to demonstrate they have safeguarding and health and safety measures in place. |
| **5. Timeframes** |
| Deadline for registering interest midday 27th March and invoice for payment to be submitted by 31st March. Plan for delivery to be discussed. We apologise for the short deadlines and any inconvenience this might cause, please do get in touch if we can help.  Indicative timescales:   * March 2023 – organisations appointed and receive grant funding * April/May – organisations carry out activities to gather insight * 30th June 2023 – organisations share insights with ICB using agreed template |

**Appendix 1.**

**Engagement Funding Award Application for -**

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**Commencement Date: March 2023**

**End Date: June 2023**

**Grant: £12,000 across SWL (£2k per borough)**

**Applicants: VCSE organisation(s) based in South West London**

**Organisation details – Please tell us who you are**

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| **Name(s) of organisation:**  **Type of organisation:**  **Name(s) of person leading the application:**  **Email(s):**  **Telephone:**  **Organisation Address(es):**  **Charity No(s):**  **Borough(s) for this engagement fund:**  **Total requested funding amount:** |
| **1. Please provide a description of the engagement activity you will conduct** *and how you will reach the target groups in South West London*  (As outlined above the *‘Improving the treatment pathway for people with Multiple Sclerosis experiencing urinary tract infections’* specification) |
| [Insert response here]  *Max 600 words* |
| **2. Please outline your budget and project timeline** |
| [Insert response here]  *Max 300 words* |

Applications should be sent to [Helen.Clackson@swlondon.nhs.uk](mailto:Helen.Clackson@swlondon.nhs.uk) **by Monday 27th March 2023 midday**