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## Pathfinder Project FAQs

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is the Pathfinder Project?

The Pathfinder Project is a 3-year project funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport which will establish comprehensive health practice in relation to domestic abuse in hospital, mental health and/or GP settings across three selected Pathfinder sites.

#### How long is the project funded?

The Pathfinder Project will run from 01 July 2017 until 31 March 2020.

#### Who are the partners?

There are six project partners, [Standing Together Against Domestic Violence](#), [SafeLives](#), [IRISi](#), [AVA](#), [Imkaan](#) and the [University of Bristol](#), who will contribute their extensive knowledge, experience and expertise to this project and will provide direct support to successful pathfinder sites.

#### What kind of support will successful Pathfinder sites received?

Pathfinder Partners will use their knowledge, resources and expertise to support the three successful sites to develop new approaches to domestic abuse within health and enhance any existing practice. This includes resources to build new provision (e.g. implement IRIS) as well as ongoing support and access to expertise from Pathfinder partners (e.g. consultation, training, strategic development). This intensive support will be tailored to the needs of the site and will focus on improving the response to a range of domestic abuse survivors in health settings, including those experiencing multiple disadvantage, BME, LGBTQ and disabled women.

#### What do you mean by 'comprehensive health practice' or 'whole system approach'?

By this we mean a response that is coordinated and cohesive not only across different healthcare settings but also in terms of wider partnerships between health, local authority & statutory agencies and the violence against women and girls (VAWG) sector.

#### What kind of existing practice will we have to demonstrate?

You will need to be able to demonstrate a current domestic abuse response in at least two healthcare settings (e.g. hospital trust/board, mental health trust/board, community health setting). This could include (but is not limited to) such interventions and activities as: health-based specialist domestic abuse workers; IRIS; embedded mandatory domestic abuse training; standalone domestic abuse policies; clinical domestic abuse leads; domestic abuse / health steering groups; domestic abuse champions; innovative systems and resources relating to DA practice in health; an ability to demonstrate the implementation of NICE guidance.

#### How much funding will successful Pathfinder sites receive?

Pathfinder sites will be eligible to receive a partial match-fund contribution towards costs; up to £50,000 in Year 1, £37,500 in Year 2 and £25,000 in Year 3.



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### **What if we cannot source matched-funding for the length of the project?**

Priority will be given to those applications where sustainable funding has been identified and secured. We encourage applicants with shorter-term funding to apply and outline what actions will be undertaken to ensure the project is sustainable.

### **How do you define the area covered by a Pathfinder site?**

This boundary will be defined by you in your application. As a guide you may consider a patient population size of around 200,000.

### **How will the Pathfinder sites link with each other?**

Pathfinder Partners will actively promote learning and links between the three Pathfinder sites. This will occur through shared learning events and progress reports. The learning, resource and practice developed through this project will form a template model that can be replicated and promoted nationally.

### **Does the application have to be submitted by a health partner?**

Yes, all applications should be submitted by a health partner (e.g. health board, trust, CCG etc.) however the expectation is that the application process will be a partnership between health partners, VAWG agencies and local authority & statutory services.

### **When is the deadline for applications?**

The deadline for submission 13 October 2017.

### **When will a decision be made?**

Shortlisted applicants will be contacted on 31 October 2017 for follow up by telephone. The three selected Pathfinder Sites will be notified mid-November.

### **What if I have a question that has not been answered?**

If you have any further queries please contact Sally Jackson at Standing Together [admin@standingtogether.org.uk](mailto:admin@standingtogether.org.uk)

