**Invitation to Tender**

**Age Positive Project External Evaluation**

**Project Name:** Age Positive

# Commissioning Organisation: George House Trust

**Project Duration:** June 2021- June 2022

**Contract Term:** June 2021 – June 2022

**Contract Value:** £1,800 for the year

**Contract Type:** Self-employed contractor, engaged on a ‘contract for services’ basis

**Location:** Greater Manchester

# Evaluation Overview

George House Trust wishes to work with an external evaluator to provide an in-depth analysis of our Age Positive project.

**We want the evaluation to:**

* Evidence the direct and indirect benefits of providing the Age Positive project for older people living with HIV
* Inform future service provision within George House Trust
* Demonstrate the impact of George House Trust providing the Age Positive service
* Strengthen our chances of securing future funding as well as attracting new partners

# About the Project

Age Positive is a year-long project, part-funded by ViiV Healthcare UK, which aims to empower people who are aged 55 years and over and who are living with HIV to:

* Live confidently with HIV into older age
* Learn and adopt new skills and / or develop new interests
* Contribute to the development and delivery of kite-marked HIV awareness training to social care providers
* Engage with volunteering opportunities at George House Trust, including the ‘Positively Speaking’ project as well as wider awareness-raising opportunities
* Engage with volunteering within the wider community

**Envisaged outcomes from the project would be that:**

People over 55 and living with HIV would report:

* Better overall wellbeing
* Reduced feelings of social isolation and increased social connectivity
* Reduced anxiety around growing older with HIV
* Increased confidence to manage HIV well
* Increased confidence and ability to talk about HIV
* Improved skills and widened interests
* Increased involvement in volunteer activities
* Increased sense of feeling better supported

**Residential care homes and / or domiciliary services receiving training would report:**

* Increased knowledge and understanding about HIV and ageing with HIV
* Increased knowledge and understanding of the impact of HIV stigma
* Reduced anxiety about supporting people living with HIV
* Increased confidence to support people living with HIV

Target numbers of beneficiaries and interventions will also be set for the project, and will be reported on as part of the evaluation.

**As a minimum, we expect the successful candidate to meet the following deliverables:**

* Establish a robust evaluation framework by July 2021
* Six-month project review by end of December 2021
* Overall evaluation and end of project report by June 2022

The successful candidate will also be required to attend Project Advisory Group meetings here at George House Trust. These will be quarterly and will commence in June.

We expect the evaluator to share findings with the Age Positive Co-ordinator and Services Director and to keep them abreast of any developments.

**For each evaluation we would expect as a minimum:**

* Analysis of project outcomes data
* Use of other relevant creative approaches to gathering feedback with project beneficiaries
* The delivery of focus groups and one-to-one interviews with the following groups:
	+ Service users
	+ George House Trust paid staff
	+ Activity facilitators and speakers
	+ External partners

**Submission Outline**

Email us a submission of no more than 2 sides of A4 (excluding any examples of past work) to anna@ght.org.uk.

Tell us about:

* Your interest in this particular piece of work

* Your track record

* How you propose to meet this brief

* Your proposed processes and methodology for information gathering and analysis

* Who you would involve and how you would ensure high stakeholder engagement
* Any other relevant information

Please enclose examples of past work as well as the names of two referees. These should be current or recent clients for whom similar evaluations were carried out.

# Key Dates

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| **Deadline for submissions**  | Friday 21st May 2021 – 12.00pm |
| **Interviews for shortlisted candidates**  | Friday 28th May 2021 |

If you would like additional information or have any questions, please contact Anna Hughes, Project Coordinator via email: anna@ght.org.uk

# Data Protection

Please note that you will be expected to work within George House Trust’s Policies, including our Data Protection Policy and Confidentiality Policy. Any data you collect as part of this evaluation work will be owned by George House Trust

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