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Children's Commissioner for Wales: Transition to Adulthood for Young People with a Learning Disability	
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Project	Research project to identify issues in transitioning to adulthood for young people with a learning disability.
Timescale	October 2017 – March 2018
Maximum fee for the consultancy	£20,000
Deadline for Applications	11 th October 2017 with interviews/presentation of bids on 19 th October 2017
Children's Commissioner for Wales	
<p>The Children's Commissioner for Wales and her team promote and safeguard the rights and welfare of children and young people in Wales.</p> <p>Sally Holland is the current Children's Commissioner for Wales and she and her team (CCfW) work to achieve positive change for children and young people in Wales by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supporting children and young people to find out about children's rights• Listening to children and young people to find out what's important to them• Advising children, young people and those who care for them if they feel they've got nowhere else to go with their problems• Influencing government and other organisations who say they're going to make a difference to children's lives, making sure they keep their promises to children and young people• Speaking up for children and young people nationally on important issues - being the children's champion in Wales. <p>CCFW work for every child and young person in Wales who is under 18, or 25 years old if they've been in care.</p>	
Project Brief	
Background:	Within our three year Strategic Plan for Children and Young People, the Commissioner identifies 'Transitions to adulthood for all young people requiring continuing support and care' as a priority. We now seek the

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	support of an external contractor to help us achieve this goal and inform our work going forward.
Aim:	The aim of the research project is to identify issues in transitioning to adulthood for disabled young people. For this project, the focus is on young people with learning disability, some of whom will also have additional disabilities. This is likely to include an identification of their needs during this time, an insight into the availability of positive support services across Wales and the identification of any gaps in provision.
External consultant will be expected to:	<p>We require an individual or team to carry out a small research project to support wider work of the CCfW on transitions to adulthood;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the following key questions: <p>What are the needs of young people with a learning disability approaching adulthood, according to young people and their parents/carers (needs may include social, education, training, housing, health); From the perspectives of young people and their parents/carers, what is the availability of positive support services across Wales?; What gaps in provision do participants identify?; Further relevant research questions may be added by proposers.</p> • Conduct fieldwork with young people, parents and carers in Wales; • Outline suitable research methods which are likely to primarily involve qualitative methods and a survey; • Facilitate two practice exchanges with relevant professionals within this field; • Liaison with CCfW key contact at different junctures of developments; • Submit an interim report based on the analysis of findings, to include any necessary recommendations for consideration by CCfW. This may be in the form of a presentation to the CCfW project team; • Produce an external report to document work undertaken and findings, including the identification of any potential work to be undertaken by CCfW (2018-2019), or indeed the reasons behind not doing so; and • Comply with the Welsh Language Standards, Equality legislation, confidentiality, data protection and security of information requirements throughout. Proposers should also outline how they will comply with research ethics, including consent and safeguarding. (CCfW staff may be available to assist with fieldwork through the Welsh Language as required).

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Anticipated timetable:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fieldwork to take place between November 2017 and January 2018; • Interim Report to be submitted by the End of January 2018; and • Full Report (guide length 10-15,000 words) to be submitted by the End of February 2018 to allow for publication by CCfW by the End of March 2018.
Provisional start date:	30 th of October 2017 or before.
Required completion date:	28 th March 2017
CCfW's Welsh Language Policy Requirements:	<p>This tender document complies with our Welsh Language Policy and invitations to tender for this contract may be submitted in Welsh, and a tender submitted in Welsh will be treated no less favourably than a tender submitted in English.</p> <p>The successful team should expect to produce research instruments, such as surveys and invitations to participate, bilingually in Welsh and English. The cost of translating the final report will be met by CCfW.</p>
CCfW's Equality requirements:	<p>This tender document complies with our Strategic Equalities Plan.</p> <p>My office seeks to advance equality of opportunity and challenge discrimination, harassment and victimisation for those with a protected characteristic. We have committed to do this by seeking to understand the experiences and views of children and young people with protected characteristics and developing and promoting resources, understanding and knowledge. We seek to foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who don't.</p> <p>This work will identify issues for a particularly marginalised group of young people with a protected characteristic and will seek to distinguish CCfW's role in contributing to any significant progress required to ensure long-term improvements for these young people.</p> <p>Proposers should identify how they will include consideration of equality issues in their research design.</p>
Outcomes (including outputs) to be delivered by external consultant:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The submission of an internal report based on the analysis of findings, to include any necessary recommendations for consideration by CCfW; • The production of an external report to document work undertaken and findings within agreed timescales;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The identification of any potential work to be undertaken by CCfW in 2018-2019, or indeed the reasons behind not doing so; and• This work will seek to distinguish CCfW's role in contributing to any significant progress required to ensure long-term improvements for disabled young people.
To apply:	<p>To apply please submit an up to date CV, a covering letter (no more than 2 pages) and a research proposal (maximum 4 pages). In your covering letter you should highlight what relevant skills and knowledge you bring and how you will ensure delivery of the project. The proposal should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction and Background;• Research aims and research questions;• Proposed research methodology, including sample size and recruitment, data collection methods, analysis and timescales;• Ethical considerations;• Adherence to Equalities Act and Welsh Language Standards;• Identification of key risks and how they will be mitigated; and• Breakdown of costs. <p>NB: the CCfW project team will be able to assist with access to potential research participants, but you should also expect to take a lead in planning and implementing the recruitment of a suitable research sample.</p> <p>All applications require the names and contact details of two referees. You may attach or provide links to examples of previous reports you have produced, as evidence of your suitability.</p> <p>Due to the requirement to work directly with children and young people applicants will be expected to undergo an enhanced DBS check.</p> <p>Interviews of shortlisted candidates will take place on the 19th October 2017.</p>