

Tender covering letter

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
EVALUATION OF THE RIGHT HERE INITIATIVE
IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation and the Mental Health Foundation wish to recruit an independent team to evaluate the effectiveness of the Right Here initiative, which addresses the well being and mental health needs of 16-25 year olds across the UK. Enhancing young people's resilience, so that they are better able to navigate the complex transitions to independence is the ultimate objective of the Right Here initiative.

The work will be conducted in up to five UK pilot sites. The evaluation process should focus on action research and both quantitative and qualitative approaches, along with the involvement of young people throughout. Applications will be assessed on the capabilities of the evaluation team (e.g. knowledge and skills, a demonstrable track record of evaluating complex multi-site and partnerships work, completing previous evaluations within required time limits).

The process of commissioning the evaluation will be in two stages and applicants should submit an initial outline proposal followed by a full proposal. Outline proposals with full costings should be submitted to Susan Blishen / Dr Kam Dhillon at the Mental Health Foundation by 12 noon on 12th September 2008. Following this, shortlisted applicants will be invited for interviews on the 22nd September and the evaluation team will be appointed by the 29th September 2008. The process of evaluation will need to start from the 7th October 2008. Funding of up to £450,000 is available over five years to complete the evaluation of all of the pilot sites. Please see the attached tender document for further details.

If you have any questions about this tender please send them to Tamasine Angell by e mail at tangell@mhf.org.uk (020 7803 1100).

Please pass on this note to other relevant colleagues and your work networks.