**Frontline Fund: Mental Health and Homelessness**

**Question & Answers**

1. **In terms of delivering targeted mental health support - does this delivery need to be by the funded role or can the role be about improving connection to the existing local system?**

Both would be applicable, but if proposing improving connection to the existing local system we would require evidence to be provided with or prior to application to ensure it meets the criteria. We would consider on an application-to-application basis and would encourage you to get in touch to discuss your proposal in advance of applying.

1. **What will reporting requirements be for grantees?**

There will be a requirement of 6 to 12 months reporting. There are no set criteria for reporting at this stage, as it will be developed in conjunction with successful applicants to best identify reporting indicators specific to projects.

1. **What is your definition struggling with mental health?**

We are applying a broad definition of ‘struggling with mental health’ to account for the varying perspectives on what mental health encompasses and what mental health provision gaps currently exist. We want to be led by frontline organisation to identify needs and requirements, rather than impose stricter limitations at this stage.

1. **Is there an age definition of homelessness? Could the project relate to under 18s?**

Yes, the project can relate to under 18’s. We have adopted the Homelessness Monitor’s definition of homelessness, which recognises its complex and multifaceted character. People experiencing homelessness may be recognised as statutorily homeless under their respective country’s legislation. However, we also classify homelessness as including those individuals living in hostels, shelters, and temporary supported accommodation, as well as hidden homelessness – including people sofa-surfing and living insecurely in sheds or cars who are often not captured in official statistics. We are adopting a broad definition of homelessness to encourage ideas about where need and requirement for support is currently lacking. We would not include any age-related restrictions to this definition.

1. **What do you mean by targeted mental health support?**

In this instance targeted mental health support means services or provision designed specifically to address people’s mental health needs.

1. **Why are you funding so few organisations and what do you hope next steps will be after the 3 years?**

Due to the size of resource currently available, we are aiming to fund fewer projects over three years to maximise the selected programmes. We are looking to learn from these projects and understand what works to improve access to mental health support in the context of homelessness. After 3 years the aim is to be better able to fund projects that demonstrate positive impact, work and develop evidence based practice, influence wider bodies, and to scale up successful projects.

1. **What do you consider mainstream mental health services?**

Services that are provided or facilitated through statutory or private bodies, i.e. through private provision or organisations like the NHS.