

Questions from the Evaluators Briefing

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Q: Do you have a preference on qualitative or quantitative methods and data?

A: We'll be working with a very small core group of young men (between 6 and 8 each year), and so it depends whether quantitative methods are statistically significant or useful. We will be aiming to work with a wider group of care experienced young men (around 95) at some point across the whole programme. We are very interested in the journeys of the young men.

Q: Is there potential for longer term tracking, as the long-term aims are around e.g. refraining from re-offending?

A: nepacs continue to have links with Care Leavers on release, in partnership with Probation, and so there is potential to have some follow-up work if any of the young men are released during the 3 year programme. We also see the longer-term aims as being relevant for the young men whilst they are still serving their sentences e.g. engaging in positive activities, experiencing improved relationships.

Q: Is it possible to follow individuals rather than the whole project for this evaluation?

A: We are interested in each individual's story and journey through their involvement with Creative Aid, but we would need this to be evaluated alongside the overall aims and outcomes of the project.

Q: Has it been approved for an evaluator to go into prison to undertake interviews?

A: Yes, the evaluator will be able to go into the prison on agreed dates. We would expect the evaluator to work with the Creative Aid team to ensure that participant consent to take part in the evaluation is considered, and in place.