

## **Freedom of Information Request**

### **Gender-specialist services for girls and young women in Local Authorities**

#### **1. Definitions**

**Gender-specialist services:** *Services which are designed specifically around the gendered needs of an individual. Gender-specialist services for girls primarily refer to specialist, community-based services led 'by and for' women and girls only. In some circumstances, services which offer services for both boys and girls might be included, so long as the distinct service they provide for girls is led by and for women and girls only.*

**Girls and young women:** *We refer to girls aged 14-24 years old. We recognise that some services for girls and young women might be available to a larger or different age bracket, so please **do include** these in your responses.*

#### **2. FOI questions**

**Q1. Does your local authority fund any specific programmes or gender-specialist services for girls and young women (aged 14 to 24)? This refers to all statutory and non-statutory services (Y/N).**

Q1a. If yes to Q1, please include details (name of service and short description) of the services funded.

Q1b. If yes to Q1, do you provide any specialist support for girls and young women who are Black and minoritised? *(Name of service and short description of the support that they provide)*

**Q2. Does your Local Safeguarding Children Partnership include representation from any organisations providing gender-specialist services for girls and young women? (Y/N)**

Q2a. If yes to Q2, please include details of the gender-specialist services involved in this partnership. *(Name and address of service)*

**Q3. Does the Integrated Care System in your local authority have a plan for supporting Children and Young People's Mental Health? (Y/N)**

Q3a. If yes to Q3, please include a link to the plan here, or attach the document in your reply.

Q3b. If yes to Q3, does your Integrated Care System's plan for Children and Young People's Mental Health include specific references to 'girls' and/or 'young women'? Please include detail if answered Yes. (Y/N)

Q3c. If yes to Q3b, does your Integrated Care System's plan for Children and Young People's Mental Health include commitments to specific provision for girls and young women, such as funding and commissioning of gender-specific services? (Y/N)

**Q4. Does your local authority have a local strategy for Children and Young People? (Y/N)**

Q4a. If yes to Q4, please include a link to the strategy here, or attach a document in your reply.

Q4b. If yes to Q4, does your strategy for Children and Young People include specific reference to the needs of 'girls' and/or 'young women'? (Y/N).

Q4c. If yes to Q4, does your strategy for Children and Young People include commitments to specific provision or priorities for girls and young women, such as funding and commissioning of gender-specialist services? (Y/N)

**Q5. Do you have an up-to-date assessment of the needs of children and young people (aged 14-24) in your area and the services they want and need? (Y/N)**

Q5a. If yes to Q5, please include the link here or attach the document to your reply.

Q5b. If yes to Q5, does your local authority's assessment include specific reference to the needs of 'girls' and/or 'young women'? (Y/N)

Q5c. If yes to Q5, does your local authority needs' assessment include specific reference to the needs of Black and minoritised "girls' and/or 'young women'? (Y/N)

**3. Further Information**

- *For ease, we have attached a template in which you can input your answers; however, we will accept responses in any format that best suits you.*
- *Please send responses within 20 working days to [projects@weareagenda.org](mailto:projects@weareagenda.org)*
- *If you have any questions or require clarification, email Nia at [projects@weareagenda.org](mailto:projects@weareagenda.org)*