



FAQs re RFP for landscaping to identify the most promising longitudinal datasets for depression, anxiety and psychosis research

Logistical and Administrative	
Question/s	<p>Are there any time or budget constraints for this project that we should be aware of?</p> <p>What is the project timeline? i.e. date of expected completion to be in line with Wellcome's ongoing programme of activities around this strategic objective?</p>
Answer	<p><i>As part of the process, we would ask potential Suppliers to outline their budgetary requirements needed to deliver the proposed work.</i></p> <p><i>We expect to appoint a Supplier by mid-July and ask potential Suppliers to indicate realistic timelines. We would like the work completed as quickly as possible, but we also want it to be at a high standard. The assessment criteria include weighting for speed.</i></p> <p><i>The Supplier will be expected to have fortnightly meetings with Wellcome to keep us updated on the progress of the proposed work.</i></p>
Question/s	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the contractual document as part of the EOI response. Is it feasible to provide feedback also at the proposal stage, or only at the EOI stage?</p>
Answer	<p><i>Yes, feedback can also be provided at the full proposal stage.</i></p>
Question/s	<p>What is the policy regarding data access?</p>
Answer	<p><i>Potential Suppliers are asked to complete the <u>TPSRA2 assessment</u> before the RFP submission deadline for Wellcome to assess how they handle data and to avoid delays later in the procurement process.</i></p> <p><i>A link to <u>Wellcome's standard terms</u> is included on page 9 of the RFP document, please refer to these.</i></p>
Scope	
Question/s	<p>In page 3 of the RFP, section 2.1, it is stated "Wellcome is inviting proposals to provide two outputs for each of anxiety, depression and psychosis. In an earlier part of the RFP, it is mentioned suppliers can select one or more of the three focus areas. Could you confirm this?</p> <p>Is the expectation to cover all three topics or a choice out of the three? Could we just do two of the topics?</p> <p>Is the project to have equal weighting for depression, anxiety and psychosis or is there a specific weighting on each topic?</p>
Answer	<p><i>Potential Suppliers can choose how much to cover as part of the landscaping (one, two or three of anxiety, depression and psychosis). We will update the wording in the RFP document to clarify this. We would expect both outputs for each area covered.</i></p> <p><i>There is no specific weighting assigned.</i></p>



Question/s	Are there any countries of particular interest for expansion?
Answer	<i>We are interested in potential Suppliers sourcing the best datasets in the world that meet our requirements. There are no particular geographical priorities.</i>
Question/s	Are you focusing on clinical or population cohorts?
Answer	<i>Both are in scope.</i>
Methodology	
Question/s	Is there specific target percentage of stakeholders that are required for the project, for example number of people with lived experience etc?
Answer	<i>Potential Suppliers will have the freedom to design their programme of work. We expect them to evidence a process for meaningful engagement with lived experience experts/advisers.</i>
Question/s	Has there been an ethical review of any sort as related to this RFP and/or do you anticipate the contractor doing one?
Answer	<i>We leave it up to potential Suppliers to decide whether or not to include this as a part of their project plans.</i>
Datasets	
Question/s	Can you provide the metrics required/sought regarding the top ten datasets such as: size and follow-ups; ethnic diversity; range of baseline measures?
Answer	<i>Please refer to item 2.2 in the RFP - Criteria for inclusion. Potential Suppliers are free to suggest additional or different criteria.</i>
Question/s	Does enrichment of the dataset include genetics/epigenetics and brain imaging, i.e. what is in scope for enrichment?
Answer	<i>Please refer to item 2.4 in the RFP - Types of data to consider for possible enrichment of datasets. Potential Suppliers are free to suggest additional or different types of data.</i>
Question/s	Do you have an interest in LMIC/LRS/UR datasets?
Answer	<i>Yes, if they meet our requirements laid out in the RFP document.</i>
Question/s	Is there a retrospective time scope of interest or only ongoing and newly starting datasets?
Answer	<i>As we have a key interest in potentially enriching identified datasets, we would expect data collection of identified datasets to be ongoing/newly started.</i>
Question/s	Where datasets overlap (more than one topic) is there a minimum number of non-overlapping/unique datasets for each topic?
Answer	<i>If the top ten datasets for anxiety, depression or psychosis are all overlapping this would be fine.</i>



Question/s	Do you have a definition of 'researcher'/'research' in this context of being the owner of the longitudinal datasets – as some could be clinical, charitable or otherwise – would these be eligible for inclusion?
Answer	<i>Clinical, charitable or other datasets would all be eligible for inclusion providing they are accessible for research purposes.</i>