

Commissioning Options Paper

Introduction

The CLASP funders group recommended an allocation of £15,000 to be used for funding a new initiative. They have identified a number of areas of work, outlined below as priorities to be considered by CLASP.

Options

1. Full amount allocated to work within Eastern European communities. Funding distributed amongst organisations identified as receiving a large number of queries from these communities. Funding used to buy in interpreting services at pre-arranged times. Sessions could then be advertised as having an interpreter available.
For information: Cost of interpreters from Social Services Interpreting & Translation Service - £70 for a 3 hour session.
2. Full amount allocated to 1 organisation to provide a traineeship or 0.5 of a generalist post.
3. Funding split between 3 organisations at a level of £5,000 per organisations to run an outreach session for an Eastern European community.
4. Full amount allocated to sensory impairment. Potential providers would need to be identified. Options are listed below in order of preference:
 - Half time advice worker with BSL level 3
 - Person with BSL level 3, offered a traineeship
 - Half time Advice worker with BSL level 2For information: 120 interpreters with BSL level 3 in country.