

**Market Soundings Notice for a contract relating to the Delivery of
Counselling, Education and Research in Surviving Sexual Violence
and Abuse Service**

The Health & Social Care Board is undertaking a tender for the regional service that supports victims of sexual violence and abuse. This tender configuration exists for the delivery of counselling, public awareness through education and research in surviving sexual violence and abuse. It is envisaged this service, which will be called **The Delivery of Counselling, Education and Research in Surviving Sexual Violence and Abuse Service**, will be tendered for the period April 2019–2022 and is currently being commissioned by the Health & Social Care Board.

As a result of a greater public awareness, more victims are coming forward to report the crime of sexual violence and abuse, or to seek independent support to help them deal with the trauma of sexual violence and abuse. The service will continue to raise public awareness through educating the public. The importance of undertaking research to evidence the needs of survivors is an integral component of the service.

The HSCB is currently developing the tender documentation for this tender: **The Delivery of Counselling, Education and Research in Surviving Sexual Violence and Abuse Service** and wishes to complete a market sounding in advance of finalising the tender documentation.

A market sounding meeting will be held on **18th September 2018** in Farset Development Limited, 466 Springfield Road, Belfast, BT12 7DW at 10am.

The purpose of this market sounding will be to:

- To gain a clear understanding of the needs and supports from providers, who deliver or interface with victims and survivors of sexual violence and abuse.
- Support the provision of the service specification.
- To gauge the level of interest in the provision of the service.
- Raise awareness to providers of the procurement plan.

To make an expression of interest and confirm attendance at the market sounding please email: dsccbids@hscni.net before the **7th September 2018**. No submissions are required in advance of the market sounding event. However, interested attendees may submit an organisation profile with their confirmation of attendance. Any profile submitted should not exceed 2 A4 pages.