**Terms of Reference**

**Safeguarding clients with disabilities in SRH and family planning services**

**About Leonard Cheshire**

Leonard Cheshire is a UK-based charity with over 65 years’ experience and is one of the world’s largest Charities wholly dedicated to supporting persons with disabilities. Leonard Cheshire believes that children and adults with disabilities should have the rights, freedom and opportunities to access education, contribute economically and to participate fully and equitably in society.

The Global Influencing and International Delivery Department of Leonard Cheshire (LC) implements projects mostly around our inclusive education and economic inclusion models and in partnership with our Global Alliance partner organisations, which are an extensive network of over 200 members in 54 countries. We have five regional offices in Africa and Asia and currently support projects in Bangladesh, China, India, Kenya, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

**About Women’s Integrated Sexual Health (WISH)**

WISH is the UK government’s flagship programme aiming to strengthen support for sexual and reproductive health and rights in African and Asian countries by 2021.

The goal of the programme is: A world in which every mother can enjoy a wanted and healthy pregnancy and childbirth, every child can survive beyond their fifth birthday, and every woman, child and adolescent can thrive to realize their full potential, resulting in enormous social, demographic and economic benefits.

The programme aims to contribute towards the ‘Leave no one behind” agenda, by reaching women with disabilities whose needs have previously largely been unmet through family planning and SRH service provision.

**Background for this consultancy and Scope of Work**

Leonard Cheshire is a partner in the Women’s Integrated Sexual Health (WISH) Consortium – Lot 1; our role is to provide technical assistance and leadership to the consortium to develop disability inclusive sexual and reproductive health services.

An anecdotal concern raised by service providers during field observations relates to the challenges of obtaining informed consent from clients with disabilities, particularly clients with intellectual and sensory disabilities.

Leonard Cheshire recognises that this is a complex area, and that service provider needs cannot be met by providing technical guidance alone.

We are seeking a consultant to conduct a series of 3 to 5 virtual Safe Space workshops to bring together providers, safeguarding experts and persons with disabilities to explore the challenges and identify potential ways forward.

**Deliverables**

* Explore and document evidence of real and perceived challenges relating to obtaining informed consent from clients with disabilities
* Development and delivery of 3 to 5 virtual Safe Space workshops
* Documentation of process and production of report recommendations based on evidence for improving provider confidence and knowledge and improving consent processes for clients with disabilities.

**Requirements of consultant:**

* Experience working in the field of disability
* Knowledge/experience of safeguarding for persons with disabilities within the context of consent, choice and informed decision making around medical decisions
* Knowledge/experience of participatory programme/research methodologies
* Excellent communication & facilitation skills, with the ability to synthesize complex information into easily digestible resources.
* Understanding of safeguarding best practice in the context of an INGO
* Commitment to signing and adhering to LC/MSI code of conduct / safeguarding policy
* Criminal record check and references demonstrating appropriateness to working with children / adults at risk
* Demonstrable experience in research / report writing

Desirable:

* Excellent written and spoken French (partners based in West Africa)

**Outline Timescale**

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| **Deliverables** | **Who** | **Deadline** |
| Contract signing | Leonard Cheshire/Consultant | 5th March 2021 |
| Delivery of safe space workshops | Consultant | 23rd March 2021 |
| Documentation on process and recommendations for moving forward | Consultant | 31st March 2021 |

Number of days spent: 10-15 days

**Expression of interest**

The consultant that meets the above requirements and is available within the time period indicated above should submit an expression of interest along with:

* A short outline of how they would approach the assignment, including timeline for delivering this work.
* Budget for the project, with a breakdown of daily rates. Please clarify whether VAT will be additional
* The candidate’s CV
* Names and contact details of three references
* A copy of a Non-Criminal Record issued in their countries (e.g. DBS check in the UK)

Please respond with your expression of interest to international@leonardcheshire.org and cc’ Amalie Quevedo at Amalie.quevedo@leonardcheshire.org by 11:59pm (GMT) on the  **21st February 2021**