evidence into practice Programme

# Expression of interest application form

This Expression of Interest application form should be completed with reference to the [Evidence into Practice guidance document](https://foundations.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/evidence-into-practice-call-partner-places-guidance-doc.pdf). The document has information on the Evidence into Practice offer, and its appendix has detailed guidance to help you understand the reason behind each question, and the key information we are looking for in response.

When you have completed this application form, please upload to the [online application portal](https://forms.monday.com/forms/5b8a325adddff595760ada7bc1ff4692?r=use1). **The deadline for submissions is noon (12:00) 25 July 2025.**

We acknowledge that local authorities may have limited time available to complete this form. We will take this into account when reviewing proposals. However, it will be beneficial if you are able to discuss your proposal with authorities in your region and can highlight that they know about and support your submission.

We encourage concise responses. We are not expecting a fully formed application at this point. However, please include sufficient detail to enable us in understanding why your local authority is suitable to become a Partner Place, and how we could work together on the Evidence into Practice programme.

If you would like to find out more about how we process your data please see our [Privacy Policy](https://foundations.org.uk/privacy-policy/).

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| **Organisation name** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Lead applicant name** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Organisation address** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Lead applicant email address** | Click or tap here to enter text. |

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# Section 1: Local area suitability

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| Q1. Please tell us the region in which your Local Authority is situated. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Q2. Please tell us your most recent Council Ofsted judgement. We are seeking local authorities with a range of Ofsted ILACS inspection outcomes in the programme.  Please add link to your report. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Q3. Who is the Senior Sponsor responsible for supporting this EOI? Please provide email contact details. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Q4. Please tell us about your anticipated governance arrangements for this work. | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| Q5. Tell us which partners you would involve in the programme. | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| Q6. What difference are you hoping that being a partner place will make for children’s outcomes? (Max. 500 words) | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Q7. How do you think the Partner Places work in this programme will help strengthen and support your local plan for transformation of children’s services (Max. 300 words)** | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | |

# Section 2: Use of evidence in relation to the national reforms of children’s social care

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| Q8. Tell us about how you see research evidence supporting systems and change and improving outcomes. (Max. 300 words). |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

# Section 3: Risks and issues

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| Q9. What initial risks and mitigation of those risks would you identify in your participation in the Evidence into Practice Programme and in making change happen locally? Please identify and list at least three risks or barriers in the table below. |

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| **Risk** | **Mitigation** |
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# Section 4: Budget and timeline

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| Q10. Confirm that you can deliver this programme between October 2025 and March 2027 within the available budget. At this stage, please just confirm that you will be able to deliver the full programme in principle in line with the specified budget and timescale. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

# Section 5: Declaration

Please complete the declaration below.

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| I can confirm that I:   * Am the lead applicant of this application. * Have read and understood the assessment criteria to which I am applying. * Have answered all the questions accurately to the best of my knowledge and belief. * Can confirm that I have provided accurate costing details and financial information. * Have understood that Foundations will store and use this information to contact me about my application. Details stored will be used solely by the Foundations and its partners in order to share information relevant to the programme. For more information, please see the Foundations [Privacy Policy.](https://foundations.org.uk/privacy-policy/) | |
| Signature: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Print name: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Job title: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Date: | Click or tap here to enter text. |

# Next steps

After Foundations completes stage 1 shortlisting, if your EOI is taken through to Stage 2, we will invite you to a 60–90 minute call. This call is to discuss your EOI, with your senior sponsor and key members of your leadership and delivery team.

These meetings will take place between 5–8 August 2025 and we will send details to book a slot as soon as possible after Stage 1 shortlisting

Thank you for completing this Expression of Interest. We look forward to potentially discussing it further with you.