



INVITATION TO TENDER

EVALUATION ON THE IMPACT OF CARANUA IN PROVIDING FUNDING SUPPORTS TO SURVIVORS OF INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE

1. Introduction

Caranua is an independent State body established in 2013, by the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Act, (RISF) 2012 to manage a Fund of €110,000,000 for Survivors of institutional abuse. As the Fund is now nearly expended, Caranua is in operational wind-down which will be completed in July 2020. Caranua is seeking tenders from suitably qualified individuals or organisations to carry out an independent review on the impact of its work for Survivors.

The RISF Act sets out the broad parameters of the operation of the Fund, including making provision for an application and appeals process. Decisions in relation to the precise services to be approved and the rules for assessing applications are made by the Board, which is appointed by the Minister for Education & Skills.

2. Applicants to Caranua

To be eligible to apply, survivors must have received an award of financial compensation through the Irish Courts, the Residential Institutions Redress Board or directly through settlement with religious congregations.

An estimated 15,000 individuals were eligible to apply. Roughly two thirds of these live in Ireland, one third in the UK, with a small percentage scattered around the world, with clusters in Australia, Canada and USA. Caranua commenced accepting applications from Survivors of institutional abuse in January 2014. To the end of December 2019, it has received applications from 6,137 Survivors and has spent over €92 million on funding supports to Survivors.

The services that Caranua support Survivors with are broadly defined in legislation and it is the responsibility of the Board to specify the range of services and the rules or criteria in relation to applications.

These services are as follows:

Service area	Aim	Services include
Health and wellbeing	To support survivors to be physically and mentally well and socially active and connected.	Health services (screening, GP, consultants, optical, dental, podiatry and aural), alternative therapies, clubs, classes, health promotion, family tracing, counselling, local travel to classes and medical appointments, interpreting services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Additions to this area from June 2016 are: funeral costs, connecting with family and place and “telling your story”.
Housing supports	To enable survivors to remain in their homes, safe, secure and warm and to prevent institutionalisation in later life.	Personal care and support, necessary home improvements and adaptations, home security, minor repairs, disability aids and equipment. Additions to this area from June 2016 are household goods, including furniture, white goods, electrical goods and soft furnishings.
Learning, development and education	To encourage further education, skills and self-development.	Fees for courses and education support grants for accredited courses.

Additional information on the services provided by Caranua and its approach to providing them is available on our website www.caranua.ie.

3. Purpose and scope of independent review

The role of the external evaluator is as follows:

1. Identify to what extent have the objectives of Caranua been achieved?
2. Measure the impact of the provision of services for Survivors of institutional abuse.
3. Identify the lessons learnt during the operations of Caranua, creating a shared learning experience for professionals and organisations working with Survivors.
4. Produce a final report (due in June 2020, due to the wind-down of Caranua this deadline cannot be extended).

4. Methodology, timeframe and budget

It is expected that the review will be based on desk research and consultation with stakeholders and that a final report will be issued no later than end June 2020.

The fee proposal submitted, shall be in the form of two payments in Euro (€), inclusive of VAT and all expenses. A breakdown of total costs should be provided. The budget for this contract is a maximum of €10,000 inclusive of all costs.

5. Tender requirements

Information to be submitted as part of the tender, should at a minimum address the following elements:

- Consultant(s) profile: capacity, skills, experience and knowledge
- Clear, well-defined evaluation methodology and work plan
- Resource Plan for the Evaluation Tender with a clear pricing structure
- Current Tax Clearance Details

- Details of at least two relevant references, including the name, address and telephone number of the organisation for which this work was carried out, including a specific contact person in each case. Contact may be made with these referees as part of the assessment of tender process.

We are looking for an individual/organisation who can demonstrate:

- Evaluation experience
- Excellent research and analysis skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Capacity to deliver an evidence-based report within the timescale given, no extension can be granted as Caranua is winding-down operations.
- Ability to produce plain English reports and in a succinct way

Proposals will be assessed according to the following criteria and scores:

Criterion	Maximum Score 100
Demonstration of an understanding of the work of Caranua	20
Knowledge and understanding of the characteristics of applicants to Caranua	20
Approach and methodology to carrying out the project	10

A work plan, including number of days for each phase and dates for milestones	20
The skills, qualifications, experience of each person to work on the project, and the role of each person	20
A project budget including daily rates for each person to work on the project, VAT and expenses	10

Tax Clearance

The successful Tenderer must be in possession of a valid tax clearance certificate for the duration of the contract. Such a valid tax clearance certificate from the Irish Revenue Commissioners must be produced by a successful Tenderer before execution of the contract. A valid tax clearance certificate means a tax clearance certificate issued by the Irish Revenue Commissioners, and Tenderers not resident in Ireland must make application to the Irish Revenue Commissioners for such a certificate if their tender is to be considered.

Insurance

The successful Tenderer must produce valid public liability insurance.

Proposals should be submitted by email by 5.00 p.m. Friday 21st February 2020 to: info@caranua.ie. Late tenders will not be considered.