

Applicant 18 Young People and Mental Health Ambassadors / St Mungo's Academy

1. Can you clarify if the school is PPI funded, and if the proposed refurbishment would be acceptable within the funding arrangements?

The school is PPI funded. To inform the bid we engaged AMEY, the building owners, to explore the possibility of a change of purpose for the identified room. As part of this request, AMEY were also asked to provide at rough costing for the work that is required to be undertaken. In short, the proposed refurbishment would indeed be acceptable within the funding arrangement, and AMEY would be in a position to undertake the work.

2. Is the expectation that this proposed change of use for the room would be permanent?

This room would be an asset which would allow the school to progress in its work in promoting Nurture and Mental Wellbeing internally, and with external partners. The nature of any school means that there is always a requirement to be responsive to changing demographics and the numbers of pupils enrolling in the school; this can require rooms to be repurposed. Please be assured that the refurbishment of this room would be a considerable undertaking for the school that isn't being proposed likely. The development of this room and practice would be a visible expression both of the need to support Nurture and Mental Health for our young people, and also of our commitment to making this happen within the school. While we would be unable to commit to utter permanence, we most certainly can commit to the use of this room for the stated purpose for the foreseeable future, and a further commitment to protect its specialised use wherever practicable.