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Soft Market Testing: Young Parents Accommodation Provider Engagement

London Borough of Hackney

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<http://www.hackney.gov.uk>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI41 - Hackney and Newham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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landlords and providers to deliver a supported accommodation service for young parents aged 16-21 to commence towards the end of 2024.

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Currently there are 380 looked after young people in Hackney and around 450 care leavers. Out of this number we've had around 30 young parents who have been care leavers and a small number of looked after children who have become parents. We have a statutory duty to provide supported accommodation for our looked after children and care leavers and ensure those who are parents receive the support they need.

Young Parents Supported Accommodation Service

Currently, we have one service delivered in the borough through a block contract that is due to be recommissioned by the end of 2024. We have 8 self contained flats in one building in Hackney, with an office on site and staff present during the day and night. There is also CCTV coverage of the whole building. This service is well utilised and the capacity is meeting our current needs. The service is Ofsted registered under supported living.

We are seeking the following:

Landlords

We require Social Registered Landlords with properties with 8-10 units in Hackney to work with us for the upcoming procurement to deliver a service to Young Parents. Ideally we will need self contained units in one building with a separate office onsite. The premises must be staffed 24 hours. We are keen to use this exercise to assess the availability of suitable properties to accommodate our young people in the borough and if landlords are willing to work in partnership with the local authority by allowing a Support Provider (who is not necessarily the landlord) to deliver the service.

Support providers

We want to hear from Support Providers who are interested in delivering accommodation based support service for young people in Hackney. We would want this service to be staffed during the day and night. We want to know if these providers already have their own properties or can source their own for this service by the end of 2024.

This notice does not constitute a call for competition to procure any services for the Council and the Council is not bound to accept any proposals offered. The Council is not

liable for any costs, fees or expenses incurred by any party participating in the soft market testing/sounding exercise. Any procurement of any services by the Council in due course will be carried out strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

We will be holding 2 virtual information events during the week commencing 15th January 2024, one for Landlords and one for Support Providers.

Landlords: Monday 15th January 2024 10am to 12pm

Support Providers: Tuesday 16th January 2024 10am to 12pm

Registering an interest

If you are interested in participating in the soft market testing exercise please complete the

attached questionnaire sheet and return via the messaging function on the ProContract portal under the reference number DN702652.

All communication regarding this exercise will be conducted through the messaging functions of the ProContract portal to ensure transparency and a clear audit trail of enquiries.

The deadline for registering interest and completing the attached questionnaire is Friday 22nd December 2023 12 noon.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

11 December 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No