**Contract Reference No: 005790 – Rough Sleeping Social Impact Bond**

**Market Engagement Event – 17 February 2017**

Newcastle City Council, in collaboration with Gateshead Council and the Newcastle Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group, has been awarded £1.54million from DCLG to develop a Social Impact Bond (SIB) to improve outcomes for rough sleepers who have been homeless for a lengthy spell, including recurring periods of moving between the streets and accommodation. This includes those currently living on the streets and those who have become trapped in a repeat cycle of homelessness.

We are hosting an engagement event on 17 February 2017 for potential bidders and other interested parties to find out more about this SIB opportunity and to contribute to its development.

The event will be an opportunity for you to:

* Help shape the service specification and outcomes
* Find out more about our procurement approach and timescales
* Find out more about Social Impact Bond contracts
* Build networks with other stakeholders

The event will take place on 17 February 2017 from 1pm - 3pm at the Civic Centre (Barras Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8QH) in the Pandon Room.

Please ensure your supplier details are set up on the NEPO portal with registered interest in category 93141500 - Social development and services and its sub-categories as this will ensure that you receive future notifications in relation to the opportunity.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm if you’re able to attend the engagement event, however in the interim, if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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