**LONDON BOROUGH OF REDBRIDGE**

**MARKET ENGAGEMENT EXERCISE FOR**

**THE PROVISION OF SEXUAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICE**

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The London Borough of Redbridge (“the Authority”) is seeking market engagement responses from interested providers for the provision of sexual health support services in the London Borough of Redbridge.

The past decade has seen great improvements in the quality and scope of sexual and reproductive health promotion and HIV prevention. However, sustaining and expanding interventions to address sexual and reproductive health and HIV outcomes must remain a priority, because:

* poor sexual and reproductive health and ongoing transmission rates of HIV have major impacts on population mortality, morbidity and wider wellbeing, and result in significant costs for health service and local authority budgets
* sexual relationships, although an intensely private matter, are a major component of the wellbeing of the whole adult population and of wider society
* there is a strong association between poor sexual and reproductive health and other risk behaviours, and by seeking to improve sexual and reproductive health and HIV outcomes, these other determinants of health may also be identified and addressed
* sexual and reproductive ill health is concentrated in many vulnerable and communities, and improving sexual and reproductive health and HIV outcomes will address these major health inequalities [1]

The main components of the Sexual Health Outreach and Support Service are:

* Primary prevention with residents who are at high risk of poor sexual health outcomes including contracting and transmitting sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including HIV and unwanted pregnancies
* Reducing stigma and raising awareness attached to sexual health
* Promote STI and HIV testing to reduce late diagnosis and increase early treatment of infections
* Supporting Redbridge residents living with HIV, AIDS and other sexually transmitted BBVs.
* Reducing inequalities and Promoting equity and access to Redbridge residents

[1] <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/488090/SRHandHIVStrategicPlan_211215.p>

The service is scheduled to commence on 1st January 2024. It is anticipated that the contract will be for a period of three years with possible extensions, dependent on performance but that is yet to be confirmed.

Please note that this exercise is intended to assess the level of interest from potential providers, to provide the services outlined above and help inform the service specification process.

Your responses are not “evaluated’’ or scored as this exercise is not part of a procurement process, this is for engagement and development purposes only.

All responses will be treated as confidential.

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| **Company Details** | |
| Name of Company: |  |
| Registered Address: |  |
| Name of person and role providing information on behalf of the company: |  |
| Telephone No: |  |
| E-mail Address: |  |

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| **General Business** | |
| Please list the scope of services your organisation currently provides. |  |
| The names of any local authorities where you carry out similar services and their contact details. |  |
| **Market Information** | |
| Are there current developments, trends or innovations in the marketplace that you feel the Local Authority would benefit from utilising in creating an effective sexual health service |  |
| Are there any other services you think could be included in the scope that could assist in achieving efficiencies? |  |
| **Delivery** | |
| Does your organisation have experience of working in sexual health services, can you provide some evidence of this. |  |
| How would you target our most vulnerable residents and those who do not usually engage with sexual health services.  Can you provide some examples or case studies? |  |
| What are some of the strategies that you think has worked well with promoting sexual and reproductive health in Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) women and men. |  |
| How would you contribute to increasing sexual health awareness and improving knowledge about sexual health services. |  |
| What are some indicators that can be used to measure stigma and the impact/outcome of health promotion and outreach |  |
| What ability and experience do you have of working in partnership with key stakeholders and other providers across the sexual health landscape. What do you think are the key skills in working together to achieve local sexual health outcomes. |  |
| How do you tailor services for people with learning, sensory and physical disabilities. How would you incorporate their needs within your service delivery |  |
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| **Outcomes** | |
| How would you evidence the local impact of service delivery |  |
| What innovative services do you offer that can contribute to improving sexual health outcomes and reducing health inequalities |  |
| There are overarching national indicators that benchmarks the borough’s sexual health performance. This includes measures such as HIV late diagnoses and Chlamydia screening. How do you think the service can contribute to delivering these outcomes. What local indicators can we consider in measuring your contribution towards this? |  |
| **Capability and Capacity** | |
| Based on the information provided, would your organisation have capacity and interest to provide this service? |  |
| Would your organisation be willing to discuss the responses in more detail? |  |

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