

Portal Contract Reference: DN435850
Internal Contract Reference: HAC5393B
Contract Title: Tier 2 Weight Management Programme Service
Expressions of interest/application start date: 7th November 2019
Initial deadline to submit applications: 13th December 2019
Subsequent applications: Ongoing
Subsequent Evaluation: Every 6 months
Initial Contract Duration: 36 months
Extensions: 24 months (optional)
Contract start and expiry date: 15/01/2020 – 14/01/2025
Estimated Contract Value: £1,470,000

Description:

Overweight and obesity presents a major challenge to the current and future health of the local population. Higher Body Mass Index (BMI) is associated with an increased risk of morbidity and mortality from a range of conditions and contributes to increased health and social care costs. Due to these reasons, weight management is a local priority for the council, our partners and local residents.

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets (referred to as 'Tower Hamlets' or the 'Authority') would like to invite organisations to submit applications through a Dynamic Purchasing System Process (DPS) to become approved suppliers of the Tower Hamlets Tier 2 Weight Management Services.

The service provision includes generic as well as other weight management services. The Authority will be awarding contracts for 6-12 months period through a mini-competition process among all the DPS approved suppliers. The mini-competitions may focus on generic services or specific weight management interventions to address additional identified need; they may also be locality based and be awarded to one or more suppliers for each period. Suppliers who wish to bid through mini-competition either for the generic or specific services must enter the DPS at the initial stage.

Tier 2 weight management service will be an open access i.e. self-referral or through GP referral and is aimed at ALL Tower Hamlets residents who meet the eligibility criteria. Both generic and specific group services will support residents to achieve better health and wellbeing outcomes.

The service will link with Tier 1 universal services such as local gyms and Tier 3 weight management service where appropriate.

The Council has a budget of £770,000 for the services; however, it is possible that further funding may become available during the life of the DPS. Should this be the case the Council will run mini-competitions for those services as and when required; the total estimated contract value reflects this.

1. Tier 2 weight management service of £770,000 for the duration of the contract based on £154,000 per annum This refers to the (at least) 12 weeks weight management programme in the tier 2 weight management set out in the Specifications.
2. Other activities related to weight management will be £700,000 for the duration of the DPS (possible funding). This refers to Specific groups' weight management programmes that may include in-reach (delivery of services within identified facilities such as day centres), very low calorie diet or other innovative interventions.

Suppliers applying to be listed as approved suppliers into the DPS will need to meet the required quality assurances as set out by Tower Hamlets through the submission of the responses to the selection quality criteria.

Additional Information:

The Authority is issuing this DPS to the Bidders to commence the application stage of this Procurement Exercise. The purpose of this DPS is to request Bidders submit an application with a view to identifying suppliers that can meet the Council's requirements for the Contract.

Organisations wishing to express their interest are requested to **register** on the London Tenders Portal (www.londontenders.org) where the opportunity documentation will be available for download. You will be required to complete an online application.

Bidders should note that the Contract relates to services that fall under the "light touch" regime of Regulations 74 to 77 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This Procurement Exercise will therefore be run in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as they apply to "light touch" services. While the Authority is following a process similar to a Dynamic Purchasing System under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 *neither that fact nor any other statements, acts or omissions of the Authority in connection with this Procurement Exercise should be taken as indicating that the Authority intends to be bound by the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or the general principles of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to any greater extent than applies by law.*

Organisations must ensure that access to the system is available to their representatives dealing with the contract and that this contact is updated as and when required.

The council will not be liable for the lack of delegated access within the organisation and will not send any documentation regarding the opportunity, which shall be exclusively available through the portal.

Suppliers are responsible for allowing sufficient time to submit their Application. The Council accepts no liability whatsoever for tenders that are

not submitted due to internet connectivity issues, transmission delays or errors.

If you require any further information prior to submit and expression of interest please contact the Council via email procurement@towerhamlets.gov.uk quoting the contract internal reference number.