<u>Invitation to Engagement Event: Care and Support in the Home Service</u>

Background

Kent County Council (the Council) is the largest county council in England covering an area of 3,500 square kilometres. It has an annual expenditure of over £900m on goods and services and a population of 1.54m. The Council provides a wide range of personal and strategic services on behalf of its residents, operating in partnership with 12 district councils and 289 parish/town councils.

The Care and Support in the Home Service

A number of services that the Council presently commissions to support adults with assessed support needs in their own homes, undertake similar tasks. There is, therefore, an opportunity to improve consistency of delivery and potentially bring services together under one contractual arrangement, with the aim to reduce silos, avoid duplication and improve outcomes.

The services within the scope of the Care and Support in the Home commissioning activity include:

- Home Care
- Supporting Independence Services
- Discharge to Assess
- Extracare Support

Please note, that Supported Living Services are not in scope for this provision.

The new Contract will commence in April 2019 and this is an invitation to inform potential suppliers of the Council's intention around these services. It will also provide the market with the opportunity to engage with the Council on the proposed specifications and contractual requirements and for the Council to gather market intelligence. Please note that this is not part of a tender phase.

Engagement Event

The Council would like to invite interested parties, who currently provide or have experience in working with adults with assessed support needs in their own homes and within the community, to a presentation that outlines the service requirements and to understand more about the delivery model and the proposed procurement timeline.

This event will be take place on:

Monday 30th July 2018 Lecture Theatre, Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ

There will be a morning session at 09.30-12.30 and an afternoon session at 13.30-16.30

Please note that both sessions will contain the same information, so you only need to book onto one.

For the morning session please arrive at 09.15 for registration, presentations will start at 09.30 and finish at 12.30.

For the afternoon session please arrive at 13.15 for registration, presentations will start at 13.30 and finish at 16.30

If you would like to attend, please email communitysupport@kent.gov.uk with, Care and Support in the Home Engagement Event in the subject line and your Provider name and the names of the 2 people (maximum per provider) that will be attending.

All information from this event will be shared, enabling Providers who are unable to attend to review and feedback after the day.