**MARKET ENGAGEMENT: RECOMMISSIONING OF THE TOWER HAMLETS SUPPORTED HOUSING PATHWAY**

**Overview**

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets is due to re-procure its Young People's Supported Housing Pathway, which includes supported accommodation and self-contained flats for young people aged 16-25 who are in and on the edge of care (e.g. children in care, care leavers and homeless young people).

The contracts within the Pathway cover the costs of **support**. Children's Social Care separately cover rental costs for 16- and 17-year-olds in care, and for care leavers who do not have recourse to public funds. The rental costs of other 18+ year olds in the Pathway are paid through either Housing Benefit or the housing element of Universal Credit.

The tender will be published in mid-to-late July 2024, and the new generation of services are due to go live in December 2024.

**Proposed service lots**

Provisionally, Tower Hamlets Council is considering the following breakdown of service lots:

* **Lot 1:** High- and medium-support accommodation for 16–19-year-olds, including at least one dedicated, Ofsted-registered building for 16/17-year-olds, and two emergency beds (circa 30-40 units in total);
* **Lot 2**: High- and medium-support accommodation for 18–24-year-olds, including two emergency beds (circa 30-40 units);
* **Lot 3:**Medium- to low-support accommodation for 18–24-year-olds, with a core service staffed in the daytime (circa 15-25 units);
* **Lot 4:**Self-contained flats, shared accommodation, and a floating/visiting support service for 18–24-year-olds with low support needs (minimum of 20 units of self-contained/shared accommodation, and around 30 units of floating support).

**Purpose of this market engagement exercise**

The information provided through this market engagement exercise will be used to inform the specification and procurement of the Young People's Supported Housing Pathway.

The market engagement includes:

* 2 market engagement questionnaires - one for landlords and one for support providers;
* 2 90-minute workshops, one for support providers only, and one for both landlords and support providers.

**Taking part in our market engagement**

**The questionnaire for LANDLORDS is available at:**

[**https://forms.office.com/e/BmDTMW9iG0**](https://forms.office.com/e/BmDTMW9iG0)

**The questionnaire for SUPPORT/CARE PROVIDERS is available at:** [**https://forms.office.com/e/45H1dXiWpd**](https://forms.office.com/e/45H1dXiWpd)

Support providers and landlords are invited to complete those questionnaires by **7 July 2024**, so that they can inform the workshops and the re-procurement.

The 2 workshops will be run via Microsoft Teams and the links to join the sessions will be shared with attendees upon registration.

* **Workshop 1 - Tuesday, 9 July, 2–3.30pm - open to support / care providers only;**
* **Workshop 2 – Wednesday, 10 July, 2–3.30pm - open to both support / care providers and landlords**.

To sign up to one of the workshops, or to request more information, please contact Roger.Robbin-Coker@towerhamlets.gov.uk.