**Soft Market Assessment**

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| **Contract Title** | Seating Training for Occupational Therapists |
| **Directorate** | Adult Social Care |
| **Service Area** | Adult Care and Support |

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| **Introduction** | |
| Cornwall Council is conducting a soft market assessment to gain an understanding of the potential level of interest within the private sector to provide Cornwall Council’s Adult Social Care directorate with Seating Training for Occupational Therapists  Participation of this soft market assessment will not prejudice suppliers participating in any future procurement.  If you are interested in this area of service provision please complete the “Information Required” section at the end of this notice along with any additional information you consider to be relevant and return this via e-mail to Kerrie Edwards, Specialist Professional Development Lead (Adults),  [pedt@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:pedt@cornwall.gov.uk) **by 12:00 hrs on 7th September 2021.** | |
| **Background** | |
| Cornwall Council’s Adult Social Care Directorate is here to support vulnerable adults to shape the lives they want to lead; independent, safe, at home and in their communities.  We promote effective social work practice, social care and occupational therapy to support independence and to put in place high quality care and support that meets the needs of older, disabled and vulnerable people.  We lead on the strategic commissioning of Adult Social Care provision in Cornwall; engaging with service users, their families and carers to ensure the right services are put in place. We work closely with partners and providers across the NHS, private, voluntary and independent sectors to coordinate and improve the Adult Social Care experience in Cornwall, including integrating community led and Council led services.  We are seeking training for our Occupational Therapists (approximately 30-50 individuals) working in community settings.  Training should focus on observational technique/skills for a community setting. It should enable the Occupational Therapists to identify postural concerns and potential solutions and should not be product led. The focus of the training should be the assessment of posture in the home environment and consideration of pressure care issues. Focus of seating provision should be about improving function in activities of daily living.  The training should cover assessing lying and seated posture in uncorrected and corrected position, joint range of movement and identifying the critical measures for lying and seated posture.  Training should also consider 24 hr posture, pain, mobility, transfers, tissue viability, continence, nutrition, functional needs, ability to alter position, comfort and safety, length of time sitting, individual’s size, client’s goals, social interaction and environmental constraints. It should include full muscular skeletal assessment using measured controlled limb or joint measurement, postural alignment, pain management or muscular joint deviation – what is healthy and what can go wrong and how this links to posture. | |
| **Information Required** | |
| Interested organisations who consider that they would be able to meet the potential outlined requirements are invited to submit their details along with any additional information which may be relevant and of interest to the Council. | |
| **Your Name:** |  |
| **Organisation Name:** |  |
| **Organisation/your e-mail contact address:** |  |
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| **Organisation description and relevant services/products offered/costings (500 word max)** |