

Internal Contract Reference: HAC5306 - Nicotine Replacement Therapies

Contract Title: London Nicotine Replacement Therapy Framework

Expressions of Interest start date: 18 October 2018

Tender submissions deadline: 19 November 2018

Initial Contract Duration: 24 months

Extensions: 12 months + 12 months

Estimated Contract Value (including extensions): £3m - £6m

Description: The purpose of this tender is to set up a non-exclusive flexible local framework with a suitable supplier for the provision of Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) products to commissioned Smoking Cessation services in Tower Hamlets and other London Boroughs signed up to the NRT Framework.

The framework will be available for use by all London Borough Councils as listed in the contract documents.

The Council is responsible for paying for Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) such as patches, gums and sprays, which are provided as part of smoking cessation services to our residents. NRT greatly increases the probability that a resident will successfully quit smoking and is recommended by NICE.

The cost of supplying NRT is currently re-charged to the Council at the prevailing NHS Digital list price, however following a Market Engagement Event with suppliers of NRT it has been identified that savings could be made by procuring a framework for the supply of NRT by a single contractor. An NRT framework operating across a number of Councils is expected to reduce the cost of NRT products and so make efficiency savings.

The framework will also include the potential to include other pharmaceuticals and/or medical devices and supplies at a future date, subject to the needs of the Council. This may include items such as condoms, emergency hormonal contraception and flu vaccinations, all of which are used by services commissioned by the Council and currently recharged at NHS digital list price.

Please note that the Council intends to conduct a reverse auction pricing event as part of this tender process. We will be using Prosolis Ltd ("EASiBuy") for the reverse auction event. Tenderers who will participate in the reverse auction are required to sign Supplier Agreement Terms & Conditions

Additional Information:

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) is seeking expressions of interest from interested organisations for the above services and / or goods.

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 questionnaire.

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.

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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.