**005600 – NEPO Education, Health and Social Care (NE12+ Phase Two)**

**Provider Engagement Event (4) with Independent Children’s Residential Homes**

The NE12+ Collaborative consists of the 12 North East local authorities and their Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) through the North East Commissioning Service (NECS).

The scope of NE12+ Phase Two will be:

1. Placements in Department for Education registered non-maintained and independent special schools and colleges for Children and Young People 0 – 25 years; day placements weekly boarder placements, termly boarder placements and full residential placements,
2. Placements in Ofsted registered, Independent Children’s Residential Homes for Children and Young People 0 – 18 years, and
3. Residential short-break services

The NE12+ Participating Organisations are still considering whether it is appropriate to include palliative short-break services in Phase Two.

The NE12+ Collaborative have embarked on the Commissioning Phase of the NE12+ Phase Two programme.

The first meeting with Independent Children’s Residential Home Providers was held on 6 July 2016.

The second meeting with Independent Children’s Residential Home Providers was held on 31 August 2016. At this session the Lead Authority:

* shared data on the levels of Services required by the Participating Organisations,
* shared our initial proposed Lotting structure for the collaborative solution informed by Provider feedback,
* shared initial thinking around Core Service requirements and a Service Specification,
* had initial discussions with Providers around the proposed Lotting structure and the Core Service Requirements and
* gave Providers information on our ‘next steps’ in relation to this commissioning exercise.

Subsequent to this event, information was published on the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) Electronic Tendering Portal to gather feedback from Independent Children’s Residential Home Providers to inform the next stage in the consultation process with this market.

A third Event was held to update Independent Residential Children’s Home Providers on 28 September 2016.

At this session the Lead Authority:

* presented our proposed final Lotting structure and Additional Service Menu for the collaborative solution having considered prior Event and post-Event feedback
* presented our initial thinking around a financial model for the proposed final Lotting Structure and Additional Service Menu.
* presented our proposed final Core Service Requirements and Service Specification to establish additionality between Lot 1 and Lot 2 to enable the Collaborative to reflect this in the final financial model
* gave Providers information on our ‘next steps’ in relation to this commissioning exercise and discuss a possible fourth event.

Feedback was collated and shared with Providers and they were given 2 weeks to consider and provide further comments on the proposed information. The Collaborative has agreed that a fourth Provider Event is required to:

* present the final proposed Lotting Structure, Additional Service Menu and Core Service Specification
* present the final proposed financial model for Children’s residential Homes, incorporating Core and Additional Services

The fourth Provider Engagement Event will be held on 2 November 2016 at Sunderland Civic Centre Committee Room 1, 1pm – 4pm. **Please note that this event is not being held in Newcastle due to room availability.**

Please confirm your attendance by email to:

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Please ensure you provide Emma with **all** of the following information:

1. Name of attendees
2. Role of attendees
3. Email and phone number for attendees
4. Organisation attendees will be representing
5. Setting attendees will be representing

If you are unable to attend the Event on 2 November 2016, but would be interest in learning more about this project and / or attending future NE12+ Provider events, please contact Emma Bass and provide your details as above.