

Portal Contract Reference: DN424247
Internal Contract Reference: HAC5595
Contract Title: Needle Exchange and Harm Reduction Supplies
Expressions of interest start date: 23/08/2019
Return of tenders/bids end date: 27/09/2019
Initial Contract Duration: 36 months
Extensions: No extensions available
Estimated Total Contract Value (including extensions): £210,000
Description:

Tower Hamlets is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced providers for the provision for **Needle Exchange and Harm Reduction Supplies** that can deliver good quality needle exchange packs, slamming packs and individual 'pick and mix' paraphernalia to a number of pharmacies and substance misuse services within the Borough.

Tower Hamlets Drug & Alcohol Action Team commissions a range of needle exchange and harm reduction provisions across the Borough, in accordance with National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Guidelines on needle and syringe programmes (NICE Public Health Guidance 25, March 2014).

The scheme aims to reduce the possible harms caused by injecting behaviour, by facilitating safe injecting practice.

This is achieved by providing safe and sterile injecting equipment, providing harm reduction advice and signposting drug users to structured treatment services, thus increasing the number of clients engaged in the treatment system, reducing negative health implications and reducing drug related deaths.

Clients accessing needle exchange services are also encouraged to return used equipment for safe disposal, therefore reducing the risk caused by discarded hazardous paraphernalia on the general public.

Tower Hamlets is seeking a provider who can supply and deliver good quality needle exchange packs, slamming packs, individual 'pick and mix' paraphernalia and harm reduction items such as naloxone to a number of pharmacies and substance misuse services within the Borough.

The contract will be for a period of 3 year. The estimated contract value per annum is £60,000 - £70,000; however, this is an expenditure-based contract and the Council will not guarantee a minimum level of spend or funding.

Additional Information:

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.