**Clarification questions Preferred Provider List Application V3 26th January 2015**

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|  | Question | Response | Published Date |
| Q1 | Please can you advise if there are any geographical restrictions as to where the services are to be delivered? Obviously you will be striving for as close to Bucks, if not within, however we are not operating in that area, is this framework still open to providers out of area? | The lists are established to enable Buckinghamshire County Council to procure block core hours contracts and additional 1 to 1 hours for specific care and support services – either supported living or residential care in accommodation the Council has secured. Therefore the Council will be going out to care and support providers with already identified buildings.  Providers not currently operating within Buckinghamshire who wish to be considered for providing care and support services in Buckinghamshire, with this type of arrangement are welcome to apply to the list. | 20th January 2015 |
| Q2 | We are already on this framework for supported living  (LD, ASC and Transition) and wondered if there is there likely to be a requirement to transition residential homes to supported living during the life of this framework? If so we would consider applying for residential services on the framework | The PPL application is client group specific but applicable for both residential and supported living.  SO if you are on all the client group lists you wish to be considered for then you will be eligible to receive and submit mini competition method statements for supported living and or residential care competitions. | 20th January 2015 |
| Q3 | Further to the preferred provider list current opportunity. Can you confirm if this covers 'live in care' for older people? If not what process do we need to go through to become an approved provider even if for spot care packages | This preferred list is not for live in care and is not for generic older people’s services.  A block contract would usually be procured though a tender, these would usually appear on the South East Business Portal.  Spot arrangements are through individual care managers or brokers or for older people contact the Care Placement Team. | 20th January 2015 |
| Q4 | I would be grateful if you would advise me whether or not this commissioning process includes the provision of out-of-area residential addiction treatment for Buckinghamshire residents who have a substance misuse problem? Or is this commissioned quite separately? | This preferred provider list is for care and support services, for the specified client groups in either a residential or supported living setting. This will not be the way services primarily designed for supporting people with substance misuse problems will be commissioned  All clients under each category will have substantial or critical levels of need to meet the FACS eligibility for funding from adult social care. | 20th January 2015 |
| Q5 | With regard to the PPL. We do not operate a Supported Living service within Buckinghamshire but are looking to provide a community-based individualised support service to people who are living in Supported Living to enable them to access the community and improve their quality of life. Would this be acceptable as a service that qualifies inclusion in the PPL? | This preferred provider list is for care and support services. It is a list of providers able to respond to mini competitions to provide care and support, for the specified client groups, in either a residential or supported living setting where the Council will have identified accommodation.  This will not be the way services primarily designed to support people to access the community will be achieved. If access to the local community from the supported living service we commission is necessary for the individual then this will be part of the individual’s 1 to 1 package. This may be via a direct payment or as part of the commissioned service. | 23rd January 2015 |
| Q6 | Please can you provide a list of post codes that this contact will cover? | These have not been identified at this stage. Each mini competition will be published to all providers on the relevant client category lists. | 23rd January 2015 |
| Q7 | Please can you clarify the following?  • When the contract will run until?  • How many support hours will be required each week/month?  • How many service users will there be in each group? | Please see response to Q 5 and 6. This application is to be on a list. Specific mini competition specifications will be published only to providers on the list of the specific client group category. | 23rd January 2015 |
| Q8 | Can you please advise if providers must have existing properties from which to deliver residential services and what the requirements are for sourcing supported living properties? | The Council will usually only publish mini competitions for care and support services where property (from which the service will be delivered from) has already been secured. | 26th January 2015 |
| Q9 | Can you advise if providers will be obliged to submit responses to all mini tenders for their chosen groups once on the list? | Providers successfully placed on the lists are not obliged to submit responses. | 26th January 2015 |