

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – 10 October 2019**

**Community Equipment including Recycling**

‘Provision of community equipment scheme including an integrated recycling scheme or a stand-alone recycling scheme which supports and enables people in Blackpool to live independently within their own homes’. Blackpool Council is looking to invite a selection of interested Providers to an Engagement Day on **Thursday 7th November 2019.**

**Short Description**

Blackpool Council and NHS Blackpool jointly commission a number of Community Equipment Services for Adults and Children across Blackpool. The provision of equipment is jointly funded by the Council and NHS Blackpool.

Blackpool Equipment Service (BES) purchased a wide range of equipment each year, of which only low levels of equipment were recycled. In 2017 Blackpool Council commissioned a pilot scheme to work in partnership with BES and facilitate the reuse of a range of equipment on a collect, cleanse, maintain, store and re-issue basis.

The equipment items included but not be limited to:

* Comfy bath benches
* Height adjustable chairs
* Paediatric chairs
* Freeway shower chairs
* Shower / Bath chairs
* Paediatric Standing Frames
* Paediatric Walkers
* Pressure relieving items

The purpose of this notice is to invite experienced organisations who deliver either type of provision to participate in a scoping exercise and to work with Blackpool Council to design a delivery model for the provision of and recycling of equipment.

As part of Blackpool’s response to these requirements, a number of key objectives have been identified including:

* To include collection, deliveries, cleansing, repairs, sales, disposal and storage.
* To manage stock control, cataloguing and a certification process using electronic system.
* Cleansing and decontamination, maintenance and repair and assessing optimum stock levels and storage.
* Locally based depot, responsive collection/delivery service
* Technical expertise for maintenance and repairs
* To maximise efficient use of financial resources by targeting high volume and high value items for re-use.

Blackpool Council wishes to enter into a dialogue with organisations that have a proven track record in providing and refurbishing equipment which supports people to live independently in their own homes.

**Information Required**

The Council will select a number of organisations from those applying to participate in this exercise.

Interested parties are asked to respond **via The Chest** no later than **12 noon 24 October 2019**

As part of your expression of interest (EOI) please include:-

* Examples of comparable services delivered by your organisation
* Evidence of any evaluation/quality checks of provision
* A model which outlines how the service(s) described above could be delivered including staffing arrangements and anticipated costs
* Full name and contact details of whom to make contact following the EOI.

Please note:

* This exercise is for **information only**.
* Blackpool Council **cannot** guarantee that all organisations who express an interest are selected to engage in exploratory dialogue.
* The Council **may** select a small number of organisations from those applying to participate in this exercise, depending on the volume of applications, however, any organisation who participates (or non-participates) in this consultation will **neither be advantaged nor disadvantaged** should the Council decide to embark on a future procurement process.

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