**PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE**

**This is not a call for competition and is not yet a contract opportunity.**

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE: By Expressing an Interest in this event via the portal you are not confirming your place at the event. Please follow the instructions below to reserve your place. \*\***

**Commissioning Support within the community to improve the health and wellbeing of Somerset’s residents.**

Somerset Council (SC) commissions a broad range of non-statutory targeted interventions within the community for people who have support needs, to ensure that they are supported in ways which maximise their control over their day-to-day life. These services promote independence through focussing on early targeted intervention and prevention and ensure that care and support is provided in accordance with people’s needs and goals that improves wellbeing, which includes their connectedness with others.

Traditionally contracts and grants have been commissioned in separate silos, often resulting in duplication, inefficiencies and poor outcomes for the person using multiple services.

Somerset Council have been sharing proposals for a collaborative approach to the design of a future community support offer. This will move towards providing a “one stop shop” model which will enable people to be supported flexibly, receiving the right care, at the right time, in the right place.

Further to the previous market engagement events we would now like to share with you our proposal for the recommissioning of our prevention offer in Somerset.

It is anticipated that any new arrangements would commence on 1st April 2024.

**Soft Market Testing Event**

A Soft Market Testing event will be held on **22nd May 2023** at 14:30. Somerset Council are inviting organisations, that might be interested in delivering these services either individually or in partnership with others to attend. Somerset Council are keen to hear feedback from a range of providers as part of the wider consultation for this service.

Organisations that take part will not be advantaged or disadvantaged in any way in any potential future formal procurement. Commercial confidentiality will be respected. This notice does not represent a formal commitment by Somerset Council to undertake a procurement procedure.

**Event Details:**

* **Date:** Monday 22nd May 2023
* **Time:** 14:30am to 15:30pm
* **Venue**: Microsoft Teams

**Event Registration:**

**To attend this event please send a message through the e-tender system** [www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk](http://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk) **providing the name of your organisation, the name of the person(s) wishing to attend (Max 2 per organisation) and a contact email address for each to enable us to send through the full details of the event and the Microsoft Teams invitation**. Please ensure that those attending from your organisation are the most appropriate to feed into the discussions. If you are unable to attend the event, the presentation, notes and associated documentation will be available through the e-tender system [www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk](http://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk).

Please respond by the deadline of **17:00** on **19th May 2023** if you wish to attend. Thank you.

SC reserves the right to cancel or re-arrange this event at its own discretion.

Thank you.