**Reference – 5807 - The provision of Care Act 2014 duties as Trusted Partners**

**Summary of Requirement**

The Pathways alliance contract delegates Care Act duties including:

* The completion of Care Act assessments on behalf of the London Borough of Bexley for people with readily understood care and support needs, and their carers
* The completion of Care Act reviews on behalf of the London Borough of Bexley for people with care and support needs, and their carers. This includes a planned yearly review and unplanned reviews. Trusted Partner will become allocated named workers to a selection of Bexley residents. With the ASC pathways approach founded on relationships a review of a person’s care and support needs must be completed by the Trusted Partner who knows the person best, or the Trusted Partner chosen by the individual. Each person will have a named worker they can go to for support and guidance, or if things are changing. The named worker will be a Trusted Partner, able to complete assessments and will also be responsible for completing a planned yearly review or unplanned review of the person.
* The Contractors, will provide information, advice and guidance (IAG) to people needing adult social care support, on care and support options, financial assessment, promoting health and wellbeing, community resources and groups, benefits, transport etc

The London Borough of Bexley want people in Bexley to be able to make their own informed choices to live independent, healthy lives, remaining in their own homes for as long as possible. To achieve this, we will work together with local people and communities to explore a variety of ways to meet care and support needs. We will provide information, guidance and advice that helps people to make the best-informed choices for themselves and their families.

Adult social care in Bexley is committed to shaping the way services are delivered to embed these priorities, ensuring resident are able to access good quality services quickly and appropriately, preventing their needs from escalating and so avoiding more expensive support over the longer term. We want every person with care and support needs has choice and control on how their needs are met, recognising how important this is in supporting people to live the life they want.

We know that many people live independent lives with little or no Social Care support; however, if people do require care and support, we want people to:

1. Have care and support that enables them to live as they want to
2. Be in control of planning their own care and support with additional help as required by those who know and care about them
3. Have needs met effectively, efficiently and quickly
4. Facilitate proactive and preventative care support rather than reactive and crisis care.

The Care Act 2014 sets out a vision for adult social care with the ‘wellbeing principle’ at its heart. We want people with care and support needs to experience a strength-based model of support , recognising and building on the person’s strengths and social capital and placing them in control of their care arrangements.

The service to be provided under this specification is integral to the realisation of the Vision i.e. the delegation of aspects of the Council’s Care Act duties to Contracted Partners so that advice and information, eligibility decisions, resource allocation, support planning and engaging support services can be done in as timely and personalised way as possible and from the most appropriate agent.

The Contractor will be required to be well informed with regard to strength-based approaches, which must form the basis of all interactions when working with people with support needs. This will include personal social capital, preventative approaches helping people to access and use universal and preventative services in the community, utilising and developing local community support networks to defer or obviate the need for more formal care provision.

**Contract period**

The contract will run from 8th October 2024 until 7th October 2029 with the option to extend up to a further 2 years.

## Contract value

Approx £1m per annum. Please refer to clause 7.2 in the specification.

## Miscellaneous information

Tenders are being invited using the restricted procedure and a contract notice has been published in the Find a Tender.

Potential providers must be aware that the transfer of undertakings (protection of employment) regulations (TUPE) will apply.

## How to express an interest

If you wish to apply for this contract please follow the steps below:

Register your company free of charge on the London Tenders Portal (LTP)

Await acceptance. You will receive an email confirming your username and password for the LTP.

Use your username and password to log into the LTP and express your interest in the relevant contract number and category.

Shortly after you have expressed interest, you will receive a second email containing a link to access the procurement documents.

## Additional information

If you wish to apply for e-mail alerts of future opportunities, please register your company free of charge on LTP

Tick all categories you are interested in being notified about - you will only receive e-mail alerts for those categories which you select.

## TIMETABLE

* The closing date for expressions of interest is: 28th June 2024
* Submission of Supplier Questionnaire documents by (Late applications will not be accepted): 1st July 2024
* Anticipated date for inviting shortlisted organisations to tender: 8th July 2024
* Anticipated date for return of tender documents: 19th August 2024
* Anticipated award date is: 25th September 2024
* The date of commencement of contract is:8th October 2024

The Council accepts no liability whatsoever for expressions of interest that are not received due to internet connectivity issues, transmission delays or errors.

If you wish to discuss any of the above please contact: procurement@bexley.gov.uk