**NEPO – Social Care Research and Information Tool**

**Provider Consultation Event**

Following approval through Regional Governance Structures, Newcastle City Council acting as the Lead Authority on behalf of the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) and its Member Authorities, are seeking to procure a multiple Lot Framework Agreement (Contract) for the delivery of an on-line Research and Information Tool used predominately by Adults and Childrens Social Care Professionals.

Participating Authorities to this Framework Agreement (Contract) will be:

1. Darlington Borough Council;
2. The County Council of Durham;
3. The Borough Council of Gateshead;
4. Hartlepool Borough Council;
5. Middlesbrough Borough Council;
6. The Council of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne;
7. The Council of the Borough of North Tyneside;
8. Northumberland County Council;
9. Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council;
10. The Council of the Borough of South Tyneside;
11. Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council; and
12. Sunderland City Council.

This Framework Agreement (the Contract) will allow the Participating Authorities listed above to access information, research, example case studies and training bespoke to Adults and Childrens Social Care topics via access to an on-line tool. It is envisaged that the on-line tool will be accessed via subscriptions or licences. In addition to this, we require tailored learning and development, to include those provided via seminars, webinars, face to face support and e-learning modules

Newcastle City Council, as Lead Authority for this commissioning and procurement exercise, would like to invite all potential Providers of Services under this Framework Agreement (Contract) to attend a Provider Consultation event on **Wednesday, 19 September 2018** from 10am – 1pm at Newcastle Civic Centre, NE1 8QH.

At this session the Lead Authority intends to:

* have detailed discussions with Providers regarding our commissioning intentions,
* share our initial thinking around a Lotting structure for the collaborative solution,
* share an indicative procurement timeline, and
* inform Providers of our ‘next steps’ in relation to this commissioning exercise.

Please confirm your attendance by contacting:

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Newcastle City Council

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Please ensure you Provide Heather with **all** of the following information:

1. Name of attendees
2. Role of attendees
3. Email and phone number for attendees
4. Organisation attendees will be representing

If you are unable to attend the Event on 19 September 2018 but would be interested in learning more about this project and / or attending future events, please contact Heather Rothwell provide the details as above.