

Buyer: Kent County Council

Title: **Recommissioning of Care Home Services for Adults with a Learning Disability, Adults with a Physical Disability and Adults with Mental Health needs.**

Background

Kent County Council (the Council) is the largest county council in England covering an area of 3,500 square kilometres. It has an annual expenditure of over £900m on goods and services and a population of 1.3m. The Council provides a wide range of personal and strategic services on behalf of its residents, operating in partnership with 12 district councils, 305 parish/town councils and the CCG's.

The Opportunity

Kent County Council is committed to ensuring the availability of high quality, sustainable care home services for People with a Learning Disability, People with a Physical Disability and People with Mental Health Needs. The council will enter into market engagement and procure new contracts for care homes for People with a Learning Disability, People with a Physical Disability and People with Mental Health Needs from April 2019.

Good Residential care involves putting the Individual at the centre of decisions about how they are supported and cared for within the care home. Services should be provided in such a way that the Individual feels involved, safe and secure and confident in the care and support delivered to them. Supporting individuals to maintain a good quality of life and helping them to maintain independent, fulfilling lives.

The Council will be hosting two market engagement events to share further information about this opportunity, this will include; the Service Specification and the Purchasing Process and we will be asking for provider feedback post event. The events will be held on Wednesday 29th August 2018 in the Maidstone area.

Event 1: 9:30am -12noon

Event 2: 1-3:30pm

To reserve a place at one of the events please contact accommodationsolutions@kent.gov.uk and ensure you include in your email the following subject **"MARKET ENGAGEMENT EVENT 29.8.18."** Due to the anticipated high demand of these events places are limited to two places per organisation.

Further information will be published in due course via the Kent Business Portal. Organisations that do not attend the Market Engagement events as part of this process will not be precluded from applying to take part in the Council's chosen procurement process for these services.

Questions and Communication

Please direct all questions and communication through the Kent Business Portal via the discussions facility. Further guidance can be found within the guide located at the bottom of this page.