Expression of interest

London Borough of Hounslow is seeking initial expressions of interest from potential suppliers to formally engage in dialogue regarding the delivery of a minimum two-year pilot providing 24-hour specialist multi-disciplinary care and support in an 11-unit supported accommodation development for young adults with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism with complex behaviours.

This is an exciting opportunity for a provider with proven expertise to work as a strategic partner in developing an innovative service that enables more of our most vulnerable residents to remain in their local community living happy, safe, and meaningful lives.

The new building in Bedfont, in the West of Hounslow is being purpose built and will consist of two independent blocks linked with internal access to each other. One block will house six self-contained units and the other block will house five self-contained units, a communal area, and staffing facilities. The building is due to open in October 2021 at the earliest.

The purpose of running a pilot is to allow the council to develop a full specification and to consider the best staffing model for this service in the future, designed specifically to the needs of each resident. Given that each service user's needs in this cohort will be very individual, we are looking to work in partnership with a specialist provider to help us develop a bespoke staffing model. This will be by spot-purchase individualised arrangements initially but working together we want to see what staffing and resources could be shared within the scheme over time.

The outcomes achieved of the pilot will be shared with suppliers that express an interest to this notice and included in future tender documentation.

The first year of the pilot will be spent mobilising the service and occupying the scheme and working with the Borough to develop the staffing and support model. During the second year the model will be refined, the service specification developed, and it is intended the service will go out for tender (minimum of five-year contract).

We are seeking an organisation who can provide 24-hour high quality care and support, employing your own clinical, psychological and psychiatric team, including positive behaviour support, for our clients with a learning disability and/or autism need (including some with high and complex needs), empowering them to either sustain or move towards independent living and successful adult lives.

Expressions of interests must be registered via the London Tenders Portal London Tenders Portal by Monday 7th June 21 by 5pm. There is no other requirement or documentation to complete or submit at this stage, just your interest.

For further information regarding the London Tenders Portal please email: <u>mark.pearson@hounslow.gov.uk</u>