

## **TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF 24 HOUR SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS**

Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Neighbourhood and Community Services, Adult Services is committed to the provision of high quality services to enable people to live in their own homes. We are looking to contract with an organisation to:

- Provide social care and housing-related support within 24-hour supported accommodation, across three different sites, for 32 people with mental health needs

Tameside MBC (Adult Services) are inviting expressions of interest in the above tender. This is a restricted tender previously advertised in OJEU since 25 June 2008.

It is the Council's preliminary view that TUPE Regulations may apply when this contract is awarded to a new provider.

The Commissioners are working towards placing the values and principles of the recovery approach at the heart of all services in the Borough. We are, as yet, at the very start of this process, but we are keen to commission and work with providers who share a similar commitment to embracing the optimism of recovery and to delivering a recovery-based service. In the spirit of this journey, we are looking to develop a close partnership relationship with the provider. The emphasis will be on openness, transparency, honesty, a readiness to acknowledge shortcomings and a willingness to learn together.

Key aims and principles of the service include:

- The provision of 24-hour support to 32 people based across three properties in the Borough, the service is aimed at equipping Service Users with the life skills necessary to move on to more independent living.
- The service will form an integral part of a comprehensive community based service to adults with long-term mental health conditions.
- The service will play a key role in linking people into community networks and opportunities as part of their recovery pathways.
- An indicative number of support hours for the service is 940 per week.

It is proposed that the Contract will commence on 1 April 2009 and will run for a period of three (3) years. The Council may, subject to approval and negotiation, wish to extend the Contract for a further period of up to two (2) years.

The award of the contract will be in keeping with a Best Value approach, which will jointly evaluate quality factors and price. A half-day information-sharing seminar on the Commissioners vision for the service for all organisations interested in tendering will be held on 16 July 2008, at 10am at Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton-Under-Lyne, OL7 0QA.

All documentation must be completed and submitted electronically by using Vault through BiPs Delta-ets by the due date of **8 August 2008 @ 12.00hrs.** Tender submission packs will follow week commencing 8 September 2008. The closing date for tender submissions for those organisations short-listed is 24 October 2008. Short-listed organisations will be invited to a presentation, week commencing 3 November 2008.

Documents are available via the Delta Suite; go to [www.delta-ets.com](http://www.delta-ets.com). The tender access code is **04T344884**. If you are experiencing problems, please contact the Delta helpdesk @ [helpdesk@delta-ets.com](mailto:helpdesk@delta-ets.com) or call 0845 270 7050 for further assistance.

Adult Services intend to carry out the tendering process online and would like organisations to participate in the Electronic Tender process as part of our ongoing pilot. Organisations will incur no cost in participating and it is expected that you will make savings in administration, printing and postage.

If you are interested in tendering for the above contract but are unsure about the electronic tendering process, or require further information on the information sharing seminar, please contact in writing: Kim Greeves, Joint Commissioning & Performance Management Team, Rydal House, Rydal Avenue, Hyde. SK14 4QB or e-mail [kim.greeves@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:kim.greeves@tameside.gov.uk).