

MARKET ENGAGEMENT EVENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS – 27 March 2017

Introduction

The London Boroughs of Richmond upon Thames and Wandsworth are constantly seeking to improve the ways in which services are delivered within their respective boroughs. Both Councils aim to meet this objective by creating, maintaining and improving their working partnerships with relevant organisations and stakeholders. It is with this principle in mind that the Councils are seeking to engage with the market in shaping the commissioning and procurement plans within the development of Domestic Violence services with specific focus on Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Services.

Context

Currently both Richmond and Wandsworth Councils commission Domestic Violence and Abuse and other Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Services separately across the boroughs with different approaches to contract and performance management. The Councils are now working towards agreeing a strategic joined-up approach to ensure that future services continue to support, empower and meet the needs of those at risk or experiencing Domestic Violence and Abuse and other forms of Violence Against Women and Girls in both boroughs.

Commissioning Intentions

The need for VAWG services is becoming more complex as the population becomes more diverse and our understanding of the wider issues develop. To fully respond to the needs across the boroughs the aim is for the new contract to include the delivery of services alongside the development and potential re-structure of services once local need has been fully identified.

Bidders will need to evidence experience of managing similar contracts and present proposals for the management of the contract.

The Preferred Provider will be expected to work in partnership with the Councils to identify and support any bids for further external funding and will be given preference where new/ and continuing internal funding for VAWG services is identified.

The Councils are hosting a Market Engagement Event on **Monday 27 March 2017 from 1.30pm – 4.30pm in the Terrace Room York House, Richmond Road, Twickenham, TW1 3AA**. This event is open to all organisations and individuals which have an interest in and / or deliver similar relatable services

This exercise is not part of any selection process. It is intended as an awareness, communication and information gathering exercise offering an opportunity for potential providers to help understand the commissioning intentions. This therefore does not represent a commitment from and of the councils to award a contract or an invite to tender to any provider that expresses an interest in this market engagement event.

If you would like to attend this event, please register your interest by completing your details via the procurement portal at www.delta-esourcing.com