**LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN**

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT AND SUPPORT**

**FOR ROUGH SLEEPERS**

Dear Supplier,

You are invited to submit a response to the request for information to provide drug and alcohol treatment and support for rough sleepers across the borough of Camden.

The key details are set out in this document which you should take into account in your response. Please complete the Request for Information questions enclosed with these instructions and submit them by email to **jaison.gomba.gov.uk** no later than **midday on Friday 3rd February 2023**.

Please direct any questions regarding the content or process of this Request for Information via email to **jaison.gomba.gov.uk**. The deadline for submitting questions is **Thursday 26th January 2023 at 5pm**.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours faithfully,

Jaison Gomba

Category Manager

Camden Procurement

**Request for Information (RfI)**

### Introduction

### Drug and alcohol services for rough sleepers comprises of specialist support in order for them to access and engage with treatment and support services. These services support the wider work of homelessness and rough sleeping services.

### The service will deliver structured drug and alcohol treatment, facilitate rapid access to in-patient detox and resident rehabilitation provision, and support rough sleepers and those identified as being at risk of rough sleeping, to access other services including mental health and physical health.

### This request for information details the services and the specific roles to be provided. The contract will commence in April 2023 for a maximum of 12 months with no provision to extend. Once the contract expires the service will end as the funding is reliant from the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities who have stated that further funding beyond April 2024 is unlikely.

### The service operates in line with the key objectives of Camden’s local strategies and plans which include:

* We Make Camden which sets out a long term ambition for Camden Council and strategic direction to make Camden a better borough; a place where everyone has a chance to succeed and where nobody gets left behind;
* Camden Health and Wellbeing Strategy which sets out to reduce alcohol related harm with a reduction in health inequalities, in crime, disorder and offending; and
* Camden’s Rough Sleeping and Homeless Strategy (2019 – 2024) which sets out a number of priorities including a commitment to support those experiencing the crisis of homelessness, helping them to recover and regain their independence.

### Background

### In July 2020 the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in partnership with Public Health England (now Office of Health Improvement and Disparities) announced a £23m funding grant available to 40 identified rough sleeping task force areas across England. The funding was aimed specifically at providing drug and alcohol support for rough sleepers and those at risk of sleeping rough. As an identified task force area, Camden Council submitted a bid and was successful in securing funding of 2021/22. This was confirmed for 2022/23. Quotation processes have been undertaken previously and the current contract ends on 31st March 2023.

### Camden Council has been awarded a further 12 months of grant funding from the Department of Health and Social Care / Office of Health Improvement and Disparities to provide designated drug and alcohol support for rough sleepers and those at risk of rough sleeping. The amount available for 2023/24 is £395,000.

### The service will comprise a number of dedicated specified roles, who will work peripatetically but also provide support at Camden Council’s Routes off The Streets hub (Greenland Street, Camden Town). The staffing structure must include:

* Specialist Outreach Workers;
* Specialist Women’s Lead;
* Non-Medical Prescriber;
* Co-occurring Substance Misuse and Mental Health Coordinator; and
* Community Engagement Worker.

### A number of outcomes will be delivered by the service including, but not limited to, the conditions of the grant funding:

Required outcomes

* Access to treatment;
* Sustained engagement with treatment;
* Successful completion of treatment/support plan;
* Stable accommodation;
* Co-occurring drug and alcohol dependence and mental ill health needs;
* GP registration;
* General health care engagement; and
* Access to inpatient detox/residential rehab (where appropriate).

Additional outcomes

* Improved user experience of their care;
* Improved health and wellbeing outcomes;
* Improved rates of Blood Borne Virus testing and treatment;
* Improved engagement with recovery interventions / meaningful activities; and
* Improvements in time taken to access benefits.

### The funding also includes a defined amount for “community treatment” which includes clinical and operational costs.

### Camden Council considers the provisions of TUPE will apply to any new contract from April 2023.

### Camden Council is requesting interest from providers on delivering this drug and alcohol treatment and support service for rough sleepers and those at risk of sleeping rough for 12 months commencing in April 2023. The service will then end as there further funding from the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities beyond April 2024 is unlikely.

### Before formally commencing a procurement process, Camden Council wishes to undertake market insight to ascertain the ability and interest of suppliers to deliver the service for the time period outlined above.

### Response Section / Instructions

3.1 Please see the list of discussion points below that we would appreciate you read in entirety and respond where possible. If you are unable to provide a response to any question then please advise reasons why.

3.2 Please limit your answers to no more than 1 page of A4 per question. Diagrams and images included can exceed this limit. Additional information on matters or issues not raised is welcomed, not exceeding 2 pages of A4.

1. Does your organisation deliver any designated drug and alcohol services to rough sleepers and/or those at risk of rough sleeping in London, which deliver the outcomes stated above? If so, what services are you delivering and how are these funded/contracted?
2. This service will need to be operational in April 2023, please detail your transition plan to ensure a smooth transition from the current provider.
3. What exit strategy would you think is needed to sustain the legacy of this service across the wider homelessness and rough sleeping services?
4. Camden Council believes that the provisions of TUPE will apply to this contract. How would your organisation manage this process?
5. Considering the proposed length of contract and no further funding beyond April 2024, would you be interested in participating in a procurement process if this opportunity was released to the market? Please indicate if your level of interest is HIGH, MEDIUM or LOW and provide a short summary explaining the rationale for it.

### Supplier Details

Name of organisation:

Please give brief details of services you provide:

Registered address:

Company Registration:

Website address:

General Contact Person:

Phone:

Email:

**Disclaimer**

This RfI does not create any representation, either express or implied, that any procurement process will proceed; or if a procurement process does proceed, that the participant’s application (if any) will be given any preference or special consideration. Participants are still required to follow any procurement process that may take place.

This is not a formal request for a quote, and you are not obliged to response to this RfI. This request or any comments provided will not affect the perception of the supplier by Camden Council in any way should a competitive procurement process be undertaken by Camden Council in the future.

This RfI does not indicate a commitment to any particular course of action. No details of responses will be shared with any other supplier(s). No details of who responded will be published as it will be kept confidential.