Dear partner,

**Invitation to Market Engagement event – Re-commissioning of Semi-Independent Living provision for young people aged 16-25**

It is an exciting time in Lambeth, with work underway to recommission our Semi-Independent Living provision for children looked after and care leavers aged 16-25.

An Approved Provider list will be put out to tender in August 2024, to have new contracts in place by April 2025.

We aim to re-commission provision to address our need in the following areas:

* 16-17-Year-Olds, (including 16-17-Year-Old Young Parent & Child);
* 18+ with high support needs;
* 18+ (inclusive of Young Parent & Child) with lower-medium support needs;
* 21+ such as returning care leavers, or those with a history of offending (i.e., care leavers coming out of Prison)
* Provision for complex needs such as for those who have:
  + No care needs, but with undiagnosed SEND needs, or SEND needs not meeting thresholds for Adult Social Care
  + Mental health needs;
  + Contextual risk (which may require placements outside of London) including risk of criminal and sexual exploitation;
  + Historically been victims of domestic abuse, parental abuse, sexual abuse and/or are at ongoing risk of domestic abuse and/or sexual assault.

As such, we welcome involvement from all parts of the Semi-Independent Living sector including voluntary and charity providers. In addition, we particularly welcome partners who would be able to facilitate out-of-hours emergency placements.

The London Borough of Lambeth will be holding two online market engagement events through Microsoft Teams on the following dates and times:

Wednesday 17 July 10.30am-12.30pm ([Register here](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/398b9d59-1181-4293-9c7a-76916449db21@c4f22780-485f-4507-af4a-60a971d6f7fe))

Tuesday 23 July 2-4pm ([Register here](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/0a04af8f-9eec-4221-bcd6-8c746c6d3cbc@c4f22780-485f-4507-af4a-60a971d6f7fe))

The aim of the events will be to provide further information on the vision for Lambeth, the procurement process, and an opportunity for you to ask questions. There will be speakers from Young People’s Commissioning, Procurement and Children’s Social Care.

Note these events will have identical agendas, and the anticipation is that each provider would attend a single event only.