# Request for information – soft market testing

DWP is engaging with the market early in order to secure valuable feedback and establish the following:

* What the appetite is amongst suppliers to provide these services to DWP?
* How attractive is the proposed contract to suppliers?
* Which commercial models are used for this kind of service?

There is a questionnaire attached to the Prior Invitation Notice (PIN).

**Background**

1. It is the intention of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to put in place an arrangement for the management and operation or the Quarry House leisure centre in Leeds.
2. The successful supplier will be required to manage and operate the centre on the department’s behalf providing a fully functional sports and leisure centre for permitted users. This will also include the management of the café area.
3. The main purpose of the facility is to promote and encourage active and healthy lifestyles for government employees and other permitted users and to actively encourage membership from other local organisations and participation from local schools, disadvantaged and community groups.
4. The successful supplier will be expected to drive forward the themes of health and wellbeing at work and community engagement by ensuring that well managed facilities offering a variety of structured activities and contemporary classes are available to all.
5. It is expected that all aspects of the club complement each other and follow in the spirit of the Governments health and wellbeing agenda. This includes the range and types of food available in the café, the activities and classes available and any treatments offered.

# Facilities

1. The leisure centre facilities are situated over three floors in the Quarry House leisure centre (ground floor, upper basement and lower basement) and comprise of:

Ground Floor:

• Reception area / office area

• Bar/cafe area

• Bar cellar

• Sports hall

• 25m swimming pool

• Small/baby pool

• Poolside first aid room

• Wet and dry changing rooms and toilets

• Small room currently used as a Hairdresser’s room

• Small room currently used as a Beautician’s room

Basement:

• Changing rooms and toilets (M)

Lower Basement:

• Changing rooms and toilets (F)

• Squash court

• Second Squash court converted into Fitness Studio/Spin Studio

• Gym/Fitness room

• Small room (Office/Staff room/fitness testing room)

The overall area is approximately 2,028 square metres.

# Visits to site

1. Site visits can be arranged for interested parties capable of running a sports and leisure facility to view the facility, discuss returned questionnaires and answer any further queries regarding the opportunity.

1. DWP would hold these visits in early December 2023.