**Pharmacy Soft DPS**

**Prior Information Notice**

**Short Description**

A Meet the Buyer’s Webinar event has been scheduled for the Public Health Pharmacy Soft dynamic purchasing system (DPS). The council would like to share the upcoming plans for the Council’s Public Health Pharmacy Services procurement with providers. It is intended the service will be procured next financial year with a contract start date Late Summer 2021. This is not an invitation to tender.

Newham Council has developed its Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the 50 steps (2020-2023) and is looking to implement the core part of its strategic vision through experienced service providers.

Newham council is intending to offer both core and specialist services, with the intention that the Public Health Pharmacy Soft DPS will offer the following services to residents:

* Sexual Health
* Smoking Cessation
* Needle Exchange and Naloxone
* Supervised Consumption

These services intend to contribute towards:

* The Mayor of Newham’s corporate priorities 2019-20: improving health and quality of life and building community wealth by supporting local businesses and providing opportunities for all.
* Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF) related to sexual health, smoking cessation and substance misuse.

Pharmacies can play an intrinsic role in enabling residents to access smoking cessation services locally in Newham. As part of our standards, we want providers to become Change Makers for our 50 Steps to Wellbeing Strategy, specifically steps 41 and 42.

Step 41 is Make Newham tobacco free by 2030 and Step 42 is Provide access to high quality support to quit smoking. Given the important role of pharmacies in our community supporting residents to quit smoking and achieve better health, this is a great opportunity to work together towards our goal of Smokefree Newham by 2030

Further details of the Council’s strategy and the core and specialist services for the Public Health Pharmacy Soft DPS will be provided on Monday 7th December 2020.

We are inviting community pharmacy providers who are able to deliver services across the borough’s neighbourhood wards to attend this Meet the Buyer’s Event.

Service Commissioners will provide a webinar to update the market about the strategic vision for this procurement. Details of organisations attending the Events will be shared with everyone attending as well as published with Invitation to Tender documents. Organisations will also be given the opportunity to ask commissioners any questions. If organisations have any immediate questions then please contact Madalina Pop (details below) and the commissioners can address this at the Event. All questions and answers will be shared with attendees of the Event.

**Estimated Value**

£3.5m for 4+2+2 years

Estimated annual breakdown for lots as per below:

Core Service Lot: £227,500

Specialist Service Lot: £210,000

**Description of the procurement**:

The Council intends the contract to commence in Late Summer 2021 and is considering a four year contract with an extension of 2+2 years

You are invited to attend a Meet the Buyer webinar event to be held as follows:

* Monday 7 December 2020 8-9pm
* Please complete the registration form and return to Madalina Pop Madalina.Pop@newham.gov.uk by 12 noon Friday 4 December 2020

It is anticipated that the tender will be published in Spring 2021 through [Fusion.](http://www.capitalesourcing.com)