Urgent Call for rapid sourcing of Bed Based Care to support with unprecedented Covid Pressures.

**Due to the unprecedented pressures arising from the pandemic and the new variant of COVID 19 Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and Peterborough City Council (PCC) are urgently seeking to secure additional beds within the market on behalf of both Local Authorities and the CCG as a joined up system response to the immense pressures our hospitals are facing.**

**CCC and PCC are urgently seeking your experience and views on how we can support the community and wider health system to operate during the unprecedented pressures exacerbated by the new variant of COVID 19 and the urgent need to discharge clinically fit individuals who need to complete their isolation period following a COVID positive test result in order to maintain hospital capacity for the most acutely unwell.**

**This is an opportunity for bed based care and support providers to submit suggestions as to how the market could help the system to offer the urgent support for the following cohorts of people as soon as possible for the next 3-6 months across Older People, Physical Disabilities and Mental Health.**

**Short Description:**

CCC and PCC are seeking to develop dedicated capacity to support individuals who have had a Covid-positive test result and need a bed based environment where they can complete their 14 days isolation period following a positive Covid test result. We need to commission a dedicated number of beds in self-contained units before the individual is discharged either home or to an alternative setting as per their longer term plan. This could be a separate floor or wing in a care home or self-contained flats/suites. We have Infection Control Nurses and Public Health Consultants who will be available to advise and support if required. CCC and PCC are open to having collaborative discussions if you have alternative ideas or suggestions that we could explore further to support this Cohort.

**Description of the procurement:**

Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council are looking for providers to make

1: Expressions of interest

2: Suggestions from the market as to what you can offer to support with this requirement for a period of 3- 6 months on a block contract. A block contract enables the Council to pay a fixed price per bed/unit for the duration of the contract, regardless of occupancy.

This would suit providers across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough whether or not you have participated previously in any block bed contracts. This would also suit providers who we do not currently commission from, but are registered with the Care Quality Commission as care providers and who have access to currently available accommodation.

3: Any alternative idea’s or suggestions from the market as to how we can work together to support the community and wider health care system during this unprecedented time.

**To Express an Interest:**

Complete the questionnaire below and return to [michelle.foster@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.foster@cambridgeshire.gov.uk%20)  and [Claire.smith@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.smith@peterborough.gov.uk) by 5pm on Wednesday 13th January 2021. If you would like to discuss this opportunity please do not hesitate to send an email to Michelle Foster with your contact details and she will give you a call as soon as possible to discuss.

**Additional information:**

This market testing exercise is not an invitation to tender or a request for formal expressions of interest. This document does not form any part of an invitation to tender. Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council is issuing this request for information only. Any supplier invited to present to the Council is doing so to support market research only and to help make any potential procurement process more focused and efficient. No supplier selection or supplier preference is implied.

**Questionnaire:**

Please note: you do not need to resize the table; it will automatically adjust to fit your response.

## Section A: Organisation and Contact Details

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| **Question** | **Response** |
| Name of your organisation |  |
| Registered office (if applicable) |  |
| Trading address (if different from office) |  |
| Name of person whom any queries relating to this questionnaire should be addressed |  |
| Telephone Number(s) |  |
| Email |  |
| Address if different to above |  |

## Section B: Questions

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| **Question** | **Response** |
| 1: Would you be interested in securing a 3-6 month dedicated capacity contract to support individuals who have had a Covid-positive test result and need a bed based environment where they can complete their isolation period with CCC and PCC in line with the requirements set out in this document?  If so please outline the type of service you would be interested in:   * Location * Type of bed available (Residential, Residential Dementia, Nursing or Nursing Dementia) * Any specialisms * Quantity of beds available * Indicative price per week |  |
| 2: How would you envisage offering dedicated capacity to support individuals who have had a Covid-positive test result and need a bed based environment where they can complete their isolation period following a positive Covid test result? What could the Councils/system do to support you in this?   * Please include information about: * Description of accommodation including accessibility features, facilities to support self-containment, other facilities * Any specialist support you can offer * Date resource could be available? * What support do you anticipate requiring? |  |
| 3: Do you have any alternative ideas or suggestions as to how we can work together to support the community and wider health care system during this unprecedented time?  If so please outline below: |  |
| 4: What factors if any might deter/encourage you to submit a proposal? Please give details: |  |
| 5: Do you have any other suggestions for how the Council could support you to submit a proposal? |  |