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**Community Support Services Market Development Event**

**Date: 17th May 2016**

**Time: 09:30 – 11:30**

**Venue: The Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Bristol, BS16 2QQ**

Bristol City Council has started its commissioning process for its Community Support Services (CSS) contract.

On the 17th May we are holding a market development event for current and new service providers. This event is an opportunity for Service Providers to:

* Receive information about the CSS commissioning process and timeframes
* Receive information about the tender process.
* An opportunity for providers to meet one other and discuss possible future working relationships.

**What is CSS?**

CSS are social care support services for adults (18 years+) that are delivered within community settings or at home. CSS aims to maximise service user’s independence & wellbeing.

The CSS contract includes the following four services:

**Accommodation Based:**

Support received within a home environment. Examples include:

* Personal budgeting and financing, such as paying bills and sending letters
* Independent living skills i.e. housekeeping, tenancy support, shopping, cooking meals
* Support to ensure physical, emotional and mental wellbeing

**Community Outreach:**

Support delivered within the community. Examples include:

* Enabling access to education, employment and training
* Enabling access to sports and recreational activities
* Enabling access to what is on offer in local communities and the City

**Day Opportunities:**

Support delivered within a building based environment. Examples include:

* Social, leisure and recreational activities
* Support to ensure physical, emotional and mental wellbeing

**Carers Sitting Service:**

Give carers an opportunity for respite. Examples include:

* Support at home (i.e. companionship and assistance) that would usually be provided by a carer
* Service user taken out of home environment to give carer time at home alone or to enable carer to do other activities outside of the home

For further information, including the CSS Strategy and Consultation Reports please visit: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/csscommissioning>.

Alternatively you can also email any queries to: csscommissioning@bristol.gov.uk

**How can I register to attend this event?**

Visit the CSS webpage <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/csscommissioning> to book onto the event.

An agenda will be available on the CSS webpage nearer the event. We look forward to seeing you there and hearing your views.

Kind Regards

Adult Commissioning Team

Bristol City Council