

Clarification Questions – 29th June 2016

Question - There is a London Alliance 'DPS for Care homes and supported living'. We have noted that some of the Boroughs covered in the Haringey led DPS are the same as those in the London Alliance DPS. Please can you explain how the placement process will work with those Boroughs included in both frameworks?

Answer – Currently Haringey will be the only Council using this DPS. If other Councils wish to join the DPS they can through an access agreement with Haringey and they will issue their own requirements and create Service Agreements through the system.

Question - We provide complex packages of support and our prices for these types of packages sit outside the NCL price banding. If we submit a higher pricing, please can you confirm the evaluation and ranking process for the more complex packages used to shortlist providers?

Answer – The Council will not make residential and nursing placements for older people and older people with dementia outside of the price banding. LD and MH placements are excluded from this list.

The Council will shortlist a max of 3 offers received that fit within the price banding, or for non-price banding services, the 3 most economically advantageous bids taking into account the complexity of need and the sustainability of the offers. Services users and their relatives will then be selected with a choice.

Question - Where we have existing packages of support for people funded by the Boroughs and counties involved in this process, will there be any impact on their fees?

Answer – We cannot comment on services you provide for other Boroughs and Counties. For Haringey, any existing packages will be uploaded to the system shortly before 'go live' on the 31st July and they will at the rate applicable on that date.

Question - Please can you confirm whether there is a similar DPS for supported living placements in Haringey? If so, is this an open DPS for new applications?

Answer – Yes, Haringey operate a DPS for Supported Living placements, and this is open for new suppliers. You can access the documents relating to this category by visiting <http://demand.sproc.net/ClientDetails> and clicking on the Supported Living tab under Haringey tab.

Question - We note that other Authorities will be 'permitted to award contracts under the DPS for the provision of services in their own geographical area upon entering an access agreement with Haringey.' Will our contract with Haringey over this or will providers need to enter into separate contracts with these other Local Authorities?

Answer – If other Councils enter into an access agreement to use the DPS the Supplier Agreement on Haringey’s DPS will remain as the contract terms for all Councils. We have ensured that our terms and conditions are already aligned to other Councils to make the process simpler.

Question - How will the relationship between LB Haringey and Haringey CCG work? Is this relationship already in place or are providers likely to see LA placing more residents on behalf of the CCG?

Answer – LB Haringey and Haringey CCG work closely together in developing commissioning plans and on market management.

Currently, Haringey CCG and the local authority have distinct approaches to placement brokerage, but are looking to utilise the DPS for more joint-commissioning in the future. There are no immediate plans for the local authority to commission placements on behalf of the CCG.

Question - At the market engagement it was stated that you would look at changing the weekly invoicing requirement to an automated system. Did anything arise from this or is the requirement for weekly invoicing remaining?

Answer – It is our intention to use an automated process for the payment of suppliers.