

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN COST & VOLUME DOMICILIARY CARE CONTRACTS

West Sussex County Council wishes to commission a range of block contracts in respect of domiciliary care during the period September through to the end of this financial year. The contracts are proposed for two-year to seven-year periods and will be based in local area office geographical zones.

The Council also purchases domiciliary care services through spot purchase arrangements under a Framework Agreement. To be considered for either of the select lists most providers will already be operating in West Sussex under spot purchase arrangements, or be able to evidence a comprehensive local knowledge and swift start-up time.

The contracts are for the provision of direct personal care to adults. The service user base is predominantly older people, but may also include younger adults with physical disabilities, adults with learning difficulties and people with long-term mental health problems for some contracts. Further relevant information about the cost and volume contracts will be issued to providers on the short-term select list as they become available, from September 2006 to end of March 2007.

The Council is seeking expressions of interest from organisations, with appropriate expertise and experience to provide domiciliary care throughout the County, who wish to be considered for admission to a short-term select list.

To be included on a select list, prospective tenderers will be required to demonstrate commitment to and experience of:

- Providing high quality domiciliary care over a 24-hour period.
- Putting the needs of service users at the forefront of their delivery of effective high quality care.
- Being able to recruit and retain staff in a highly competitive care economy.
- Working in partnership with multi-disciplinary teams to meet the assessed care needs of service users.
- Registration with CSCI.
- Financial stability, evidenced through audited accounts.

If your organisation can evidence the high quality standards of care for older people and adults that West Sussex County Council requires, and be able to continuously improve the service it delivers, please write to register your interest.

SELECT LIST 1: GENERAL COMMUNITY

For domiciliary care provision in the wider community, providers will be required to demonstrate how they can provide effective services within West Sussex for vulnerable adults with changing, and often complex, needs.

SELECT LIST 2: EXTRA CARE SHELTERED HOUSING SCHEMES

For domiciliary care provision in an extra care setting, providers will be required to demonstrate an understanding of the role of extra care sheltered schemes, and the importance of partnership working to ensure a seamless service for tenants in the schemes.

Your expression of interest should be clearly marked for the relevant select list and addressed to Anna Williamson at: The Contracts Unit, The Grange, County Hall, Tower Street, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1QT. If you wish to receive the Business Questionnaire electronically please include your email address.

Closing date for all Expressions of Interest for both select lists is Friday 23 June 2006.