

London Borough of Bromley

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CARE AND HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT ACTIVITY REPORT - JANUARY - JUNE 2014

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1. Summary

- 1.1 Policy Development and Scrutiny (PDS) Committees regularly review the contract registers and contractual activity of all portfolios. This report outlines current contractual activity in Care and Health Services and sets out plans for activities to be undertaken in the next six months. This report covers all contracts for Children's and Adults' Social Care contracts. Education contracts are reported separately to the Education PDS Committee.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 provides detailed information about the history of ECS contracts with a value of more than £200,000.
- 1.3 Twenty four contracts are due to expire during the next six months. Commissioners have already considered the actions required as a result of the contracts which appear on the register and a programme of work is in place to ensure that pre-tender planning and procurement processes will be completed on time and reported as required. This work will result in a number of significant contract awards which will be reported to the Portfolio Holder and Executive as appropriate.

2 THE BRIEFING

- 2.1 Significant tender exercises or extension requests, for contracts both above and below £200k, which will be progressed during this period are shown below.

Contract	Current Annual Value £000
Tenancy Support for Homeless People	272
Shaw Trust – Day opportunities for People with Learning disabilities	425
All Adult Direct Care Services	6,400
Services for Children and Young People with Mental Ill Health	600

Respite at Home services – Bromley Mind and Carers Bromley	130
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- 2.2 Contract procurement and compliance activity is reported to fortnightly divisional management team meetings and quarterly to the ECS Departmental Management Team..
- 2.3 The ECHS Procurement and Contract Compliance Team leads for the Council on the roll out of e-procurement technology. E-tendering has significantly reduced the officer time and resource spent on procurement exercises and the process has enabled the team to complete a high volume of procurement activity during the last two years.
- 2.4 The ECS Procurement and Contract Compliance Team is working with the Corporate Procurement Team on the opportunities for joint contracting. We are also working closely with the members of the South East London Procurement Group and London Heads of Procurement Group in order to ensure best value is achieved.
- 2.5 The ECS Procurement Team always employs the most effective method for procuring services and this depends on the particular procurement exercise. In January Officers will begin to use a dynamic purchasing system for engaging Supply Teachers for the Behaviour Service, Education advisors for schools and Tutors for Looked after Children. Using a dynamic purchasing system rather than a framework will enable new providers entering the market to be accredited to deliver services during the four year lifetime of the contract.
- 2.6 For the market testing of Adult Social Care Services officers are using a competitive dialogue process which is suitable for more complex procurement projects.

3 FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are measures in place to ensure that savings that can be made through procurement processes are identified. All new contract awards where the value exceeds current value less 25% are considered by a Council wide Officer Procurement Board and an officer / Member steering group.
- 3.2 Procurement and Contract Compliance work is carried out in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations and Procurement Rules. Where appropriate procurement exercises are undertaken in accordance with European Union regulations.