

**SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF SOFT MARKET TESTING**

**CHURCH STRETTON DAY OPPORTUNITIES SERVICE**

**1. Introduction**

Shropshire Council currently purchases a Day Opportunities service for adults with a learning disability in the town of Church Stretton with some outreach at least one day per week in the Bishops Castle area the components of which are as follows:

- Support to Service Users increase independence including steps to and support with employment and travel training. Social and recreational activities which are interesting and stimulating and which assist in maintaining or improving social, psychological or physical functions including co-ordination, mobility and exercise.
- Assistance with personal care, provided in a dignified manner to ensure self-respect is maintained.
- Information and practical support relevant to the needs of Service Users
- Transport in the local area when planned as a day opportunity activity.

The Council wishes to continue to provide the service in these geographical areas and to this end we wish to discuss and affirm our current understanding of what the market has to offer to assist the Council to deliver the service in future. The provider of the service must be able to operate from a building in Church Stretton town which can accommodate at least 12 service users per day. Please note that the Council will not provide the building for the service.

Providers should note that some of the staff delivering the service are ex-Council employees who transferred to the existing provider and TUPE would apply in the event that a new provider was appointed.

This initial process is intended as early market engagement only.

**2. Scope and Process**

Please note that this is not the commencement of any formal procurement process and the Council is not committed to carrying out such a process.

For the avoidance of doubt no information provided in response to this process will be used by the Council in assessing providers during any subsequent procurement process.

This early market engagement exercise is intended to allow suppliers to outline their views and ideas and to provide information to the Council with no commitment to themselves or the Council.

The Council will consider the information received as a result of this exercise to help inform the Council's options appraisal and subsequent Council decision making process.

### **3. Expressing an interest**

The expression of interest form at Appendix A should be completed by any interested parties. Please include with your expression of interest your initial thoughts and ideas for developing a Centre in Church Stretton.

### **4. Timetable**

Expressions of interest should be emailed to [contracts@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:contracts@shropshire.gov.uk) and be received no later than 30.04.18.

### **Disclaimer**

The information in this document is solely for the purpose of the current early market engagement process and no representation, warranty, or undertaking is given by the Council as to its accuracy or completeness, and the Council accepts no liability in relation to it.

**Appendix A: Expressions of Interest Form: Day Opportunities  
Service in Church Stretton**

**Provider Information**

**Name and address of organisation:**

**Name of contact person for this expressions of interest:**

**E-mail:**

**Telephone number:**

**Please describe below your initial thoughts and ideas for  
developing a Centre in Church Stretton**