



Tender specification – social care work programme delivery for the Care Provider Alliance from September 2019 – March 2020

Value: Budget envelope up to £19,000 including VAT and travel expenses

Our requirements

To further develop our coordinated response to tackling the social care policy challenges of our time, the Care Provider Alliance is seeking a consultant/organisation capable of delivering a work programme between September 2019 and March 2020.

The successful consultant/ organisation will be responsible for: -

- delivering the work programme itself, leading, planning, undertaking and delivering the work on behalf of the CPA
- representing a wide variety of interests within the social care sector and will have the necessary experience, expertise and knowledge to do this objectively and at a senior level

We are looking for someone with the following capabilities: -

- able to operate effectively at the national strategic level on behalf of the CPA, when and as requested
- able to liaise with, report to, take direction from and support the chair and the members of the CPA in ensuring the work programme is being delivered effectively and is achieving the outcomes expected

Key deliverables for this would include: -

- Supporting CPA members to engage with the NHS Long Term Plan and Interim People Plan and in its engagement with the Government as it develops the thinking on a range of issues related to social care. This will include: -
 - working with CPA members to co-ordinate and agree key CPA messages, asks and expectations of these plans on behalf of the sector
 - finding opportunities to communicate those as effectively as possible, with and on behalf of CPA members
- Developing and co-ordinating the CPA's Contribution to Quality Matters; including scoping work on new quantitative quality indicators and on how the wider sector could have greater engagement with the initiative. An important part of this deliverable will be liaising with CPA

members to understand any existing work on data and measures underway in the sector and to consider the importance of the balance of data value vs data effort.

- Further involvement in developing national level responses to major business failure in the adult social care sector.

The overall budget envelope would be up to £19, 000, including VAT and travel expenses.

If you are interested in delivering this work for the Care Provider Alliance, please respond with a short supporting statement setting out clearly your credentials, experience and expertise.

Please include the following information: -

- How you intend to deliver this programme of work.
- Your experience, expertise and credential - 800 words (max) outlining your experience of working in adult social care and the values you bring to your work, including a couple of case study examples that support this.
- A 1-page CV of the contractor (and any sub-contractors) who would be involved in delivery of the work.
- Your rate card, including any other costs (e.g. VAT and other contractual disbursements).
- Your personal track record of sustained delivery of similar or relevant projects.
- Your location.
- The names and contact details of up to three independent referees who can be immediately contacted prior to further consideration of this tender.

Please respond by **12 noon on Tuesday 27 August 2019** to the CPA chair, Michael Voges:

michaelvoges@arcouk.org

Please hold the following dates for a panel interview that will decide the awarding of this contract, following tender submissions: -

- Friday 30 August – morning up to 12 noon (likely to be in London)
- Friday 6 September – morning up to 12 noon (likely to be in London)

If you have any questions on this opportunity, please contact Michael Voges -

michaelvoges@arcouk.org or Liz Jones - liz.jones@nationalcareforum.org.uk

About the Care Provider Alliance

The Care Provider Alliance (CPA) brings together the 10 main national associations which represent independent and voluntary adult social care providers in England. We work to represent the sector and ensure a coordinated response to the major issues that affect it.

Together our members provide care and support to 1.2 million people through residential, home-based and community services, whether commissioned by local authorities and the NHS or privately purchased. Together our members employ over 620,000 care workers.

The Care Provider Alliance is an informal body with a rotating chair. Membership is of the representative associations with a national membership across the whole of England. However, some CPA members also represent services in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.

We have a relationship with all the main national agencies involved in social care including Care Quality Commission (CQC), the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Association of Directors

of Adults Social Services (ADASS). We have close links with the Department of Health, NHS England, Skills for Care, the Social Care Institute for excellence (SCIE) and the Think Local Act Personal Partnership (TLAP.)

Our members' services include residential and nursing care, homecare, supported living and extra care housing, shared lives schemes, advocacy and telephone helplines. They support children, adults of working age and older people.

Further information can be found on www.careprovideralliance.org.uk.