

Expressions of Interest for the Provision of a Carers Support Service

Milton Keynes Council is inviting suitably qualified and experienced organisations to express interest in the provision of a support service for unpaid carers in Milton Keynes.

Milton Keynes Council and its partners are committed to ensuring that informal /unpaid carers have access to a wide range of services to support their caring role. The key responsibilities are to provide;

- an information and advice service to help people understand how the care and support system works, what services are available locally, and how to access the services they need now and might do in the future.
- services which prevent, delay or reduce people's needs for care and support. The focus will be on taking proactive steps and making earlier interventions to reduce dependency.

The Carers Support Service will provide a menu of high quality and cost-effective preventative services to all carers including adult carers, parent carers, young carers & siblings. These will comprise:

- universal advice, information and support
- target packages of support for those with assessed ongoing support needs

The contract will initially be awarded for three years, with the option to extend for a further two years, subject to satisfactory performance and by mutual agreement. The estimated contract value is £360,000. per year.

It is expected that the new service will start in April 2014.

In order to express an interest in this tender, please register your organisation via the Milton Keynes Councils e-tendering website: <https://intendhost.co.uk/miltonkeynecouncil/> and then select "express interest". If you have any problems expressing interest, please e-mail eprocurement@milton-keynes.gov.uk or phone 01908-254688.

The closing date for Expressions of Interest is at 12.00 Noon on Tuesday 2nd July 2013