

Elizabeth Gardens Tender – Commissioner Questions and Responses

1. Inflation

We would expect bidders to factor in any potential increases over the life of the contract to provide a fixed price (core element of the contract). We would consider a review of anything unforeseen.

2. Procurement Strategy/reasoning

The last time this contract was tendered, the Open procedure was used and ten bids were received. We opted for the Restricted procure this time so that we could take the opportunity to shortlist bidders and only invite the top scoring bidders to submit a full tender.

3. Best Value

There are two elements to the contract, core support and additional personal care and support.

Core - Will be tendered competitively and assessed on price and quality, with those tendering for the contract being asked to submit an hourly rate.

Spot - Will be tendered on the basis of a declared hourly rate of £18.89 (in line with current amounts for care providers), for value for money and consistency.

This element is subject to annual price uplifts, in-line with the annual fee setting consultation process. This will be included as part of the price increase growth within the Medium-Term Financial Strategy.

The combined spend across the core and spot commissioned services is an estimated total of approximately £3.1m over 7 years.

The budget provision is included within the Adult Social Care external placements budget. The core contract element is included within the Older Peoples Residential care budget. The spot contract element forms part of the Older Peoples Home Care budget.