**Market Engagement Event**

**Supported Accommodation for Homeless Young People**

**Introduction**

Commissioners openly invited stakeholders, to express their interest in participating in a market engagement event, which was scheduled for 7th September 2018. During the event Commissioners presented their proposals to attendees, which have been uploaded alongside this document; and feedback was sought from stakeholders during a question and answer session. Those exact questions have been uploaded for any stakeholder (that was unable to attend) who may be interested in providing a response.

**Current Arrangements**

Current services are commissioned through block contract arrangements and the North West Placement Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS). Block contracts are due to expire during 2019; and therefore we are seeking to potentially recommission services to meet the needs of both homeless young people and care leavers.

**Next Steps**

In order to ensure that we design services that will promote good outcomes for young people, we are seeking views from all stakeholders.

The purpose of the event was:

* For Lancashire County Council to share its vision of a future service delivery model and to seek feedback from stakeholders;
* To plan towards any potential forthcoming procurement arrangements;
* To build on existing expertise and ensure best use of the funding resources;
* To work in partnership to maximise outcomes through innovative thinking.

Please keep updated via the following link to our website, where further information will be made available as appropriate: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/tenders-and-procurement/tenders/>

Please note that this is not a tender exercise and participation (or non-participation) in dialogue will confer no advantage or disadvantage should commissioners commence the formal procurement process.