

BRIEFING DOCUMENT

Transition Support for Young People into Education, Employment and Training



The Local Authority working with its partners is responsible for ensuring that young people are able to access Pathways to Employment and are supported appropriately through their journey to adulthood. There are a number of statutory duties placed on Local Authorities in England to support the transition of vulnerable young people into adulthood and into employment.

These duties include the following:-

Transition Support for young people with SEND - Responsibility for Education, Health and Care Plans for some learners and enabling Young People and families to make the transition between different stages of education and training

Identification, Tracking and Monitoring - establishing the identities of all young people who are failing to participate Post 16, or are at risk of not participating, and must target resources to those that need it most. Local authorities are expected to work with schools to identify, as early as possible, those who are in need of this targeted support, work together on transition arrangements and refer to specialist services as appropriate.

NEETs and other Vulnerable Groups - Local Authorities are responsible for vulnerable Young People who are at risk of not engaging in education or training.

CSW Group Ltd deliver services to meet the needs described above for the Peninsula Local Authorities. The service has been commissioned since 2015 having been awarded the contract through a competitive tender process the current contract ends on 31st December 2020. Prior to 2015 CSW Group Ltd delivered the service as a Local Authority owned Teckal exempt company from 2008.

Over the last year, extensive work has been carried out with the company by the Peninsula Authorities, who are the owners, and it is now Teckal compliant, meaning that there is no requirement to competitively tender the service. Due diligence checks are being carried out with the company and a clear specification will be issued with contract monitoring processes in place to ensure that the service continues to be directed to meet the identified needs.

The company continue to provide value for money and deliver the targeted support for vulnerable young people moving into Post 16 education, employment and training. The tracking of the cohort provides valuable, reliable data for strategic decision-making and the individual support offered to the young people ensures they are making informed choices regarding their future careers.

CSW Group Ltd will work with vulnerable young people and with parents and carers of vulnerable Young People to ensure they are aware of the options for their Young People and can support them in making informed choices. CSW Group Ltd will also work with a full range of services including Schools, FE Colleges, Youth Service, Youth Offending Service (YOS), Social Work, Health, Adult Services, Inclusion Services and Voluntary Sector partners

There has been a delay in the process of the company becoming Teckal compliant, which has been caused mainly due to the lockdown earlier in the year. This has been resolved and we are now seeking to make a direct award to the company for three years with funding of the contract to remain at existing levels of £584,347 for the first year. Future years' funding will be agreed on a year-by-year basis.