



Commissioning Alliance

Semi Independent Accommodation & Support

Dynamic Purchasing Vehicle and Accreditation Scheme



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Who are the Commissioning Alliance?

We are a Local Authority Organisation supporting subregional working and delivering services across Children's Social Care, Adult Social Care and Housing.

Our mission is to join local authorities to work more collaboratively and innovatively to improve outcomes for our most vulnerable people.

We work in Partnership with 34 Local Authorities; In Children's Social Care this extends to - Barnet, Barking & Dagenham, Brent, Buckinghamshire, Bromley, City of London, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Kensington & Chelsea, Merton, Redbridge, Southwark, Wandsworth and Westminster



****In order to work with out Local Authorities - please read this presentation carefully****

How it works?



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Access to procurement and LA buying Processes



Dynamic Purchasing Vehicle (DPV)

- Overarching terms and Conditions (contract)
- Procurement compliant (PCR 2015)
- Easy to apply (Insurance; Credit Check)
- Standard Terms and Conditions
- Access to a growing market (Nationally!)
- Ability to call-off
- Blocks
- Flexible pricing structure

Access to the System



The System

- eBrokerage and eContracting system used across
- Fully Auditable
- Secure system
- Help preventing inappropriate referrals
- Single referral tool for all placements
- Informed Commissioning
- Ability to search for only accredited providers
- Captures data lost with referrals sent via email / phone

Quality Mark



The Accreditation

- A quality intended for services that do not require registration with Ofsted or the CQC.
- Evidence of services meeting a quality threshold
- Quality mark displayed on CarePlace
- Property Inspections
- LA's can search by Accredited providers

Centralised Support



Regional Contract Management

- Centralised Contract
- Management Service
- Streamlined KPIs/Monitoring
- Working with, not doing to
- Partnership / relational development
- Mediation with Local Authorities
- Development of your service and market
- Access to data to support sufficiency



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Dynamic Purchasing Vehicle (DPV) Information Pack



What is the Dynamic Purchasing Vehicle (DPV)?

The DPV is a procurement vehicle that has been set up by the Commissioning Alliance and is open to all Local Authorities (LA's) nationally to join. This is essentially the Terms and Conditions (T's & C's) that you need to sign up to in order to receive work from the Local Authorities using the Semi Independent DPV.

Once you are on the DPV you will gain access to CarePlace. CarePlace is the eBrokerage tool, where LA's upload referrals and send them out to the market. CarePlace allows us to collect data on our referrals and care requirements as well as ensuring we are meeting Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Please note - the DPV is different to the Accreditation.

IF YOU ONLY APPLY TO THE ACCREDITATION, YOU WILL NOT GET ACCESS TO CAREPLACE AND THEREFORE WILL NOT RECEIVE REFERRALS.



What do you need to join the DPV?

To be admitted onto the DPV, you will need the following;

1. Insurance

- Employers Liability - £10m
- Public Liability - £10m
- Professional Indemnity - £2m

2. Financial Standing

- We only require 2 years of audited accounts (or an explanation if unable to provide this)
- In submitting your application, you consent to the Commissioning Alliance running a credit report on your organization (Equifax)



Why Join the DPV?

To be admitted onto the DPV, you will need to apply:

- ❖ *Easy to apply (via our portal here) - please select the DPV (Accreditation is separate)* https://wla.esourcingportal.com/current_opportunities.cfm

DPV Benefits:

- Access to a growing market as more LA's join the DPV
- Access to referrals via CarePlace
- Access to potential Block Contract Opportunities
- Access to Commissioning Data - e.g. market intelligence
- Commitment from LA's working towards standardisation and improving the quality of provision
- Reducing inappropriate referrals
- Centralised Contract Management Service
- Signing up to a consistent set of T's & C's

DPV Service Level Structure



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Service Type	Service Level
Semi-Independent Accommodation & Support	1) Floating Support
	2) Accommodation with Support
	3) Supported Lodgings
	4) Parent(s) & Child Support with Accommodation



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Accreditation Scheme Information Pack



What is the Accreditation Scheme

The Accreditation Scheme has been set up in absence of Ofsted regulation. The Commissioning Alliance accreditation ensures a more in depth Quality Assurance (QA) process through a 3 stage approach.

- Stage 1 - The owners / people running the service
- Stage 2 - The organisation - e.g. policies and procedures and how you operate
- Stage 3 - Property Inspection

To become accredited, you need to pass stage 2 and then your organisation will be awarded with the CA Accreditation Certificate which has a unique identifying number, and your accreditation status will be uploaded on CarePlace and the CA Website.

The Accreditation will be an annual requirement. The quality benchmark needed to successfully achieve Accredited status may increase. Suitable warning and detail will be given to all organisations in relation to changes of the Accreditation.

Please note - The Accreditation is different to the Dynamic Purchasing Vehicle.

IF YOU ONLY APPLY TO THE ACCREDITATION, YOU WILL NOT GET ACCESS TO CAREPLACE AND THEREFORE WILL NOT RECEIVE REFERRALS.



Why Become Accredited?

To be admitted onto the Accreditation, you will need to apply:

- ❖ *Easy to apply (via our portal here) - please select the Accreditation*
https://wla.esourcingportal.com/current_opportunities.cfm

Accreditation Benefits:

- A quality mark that Local Authorities recognise.
- Shows Local Authorities that your organisation has been Quality Assured to the Accreditation standard.
- If Local Authorities choose to search for Accredited Providers only on CarePlace, your organisation will come up in the search results. Non-Accredited providers will not.
- Better chance at receiving referrals if you are Accredited than if you are just on the DPV.

Note - You must be signed up to the DPV to receive referrals through CarePlace.



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Support

If you require further support or assistance?

The Commissioning Alliance are here to help!

Please contact us at:

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Thank you!