

Appendix 1: Exemptions

DIRECTORATE OF FINANCE
FIN 1: Exemption Description: Using DSI Billing Services for the Housing Management System – Bulk Printing & Posting of Rent Statements & Annual Rent Increase Letters 2018
Reason for Exemption (please include details of all dates/timelines and timetables where applicable): The 2016-17 contract with DSI Billing Services was not renewed or put out to tender as the Greenwich Graphics (GG) service planned to take over this function. However due to resource issues GG could not take over the function at a late stage. DSI were asked to continue to print and issue the mail outs pending the transfer to GG and to ensure we abided by legal timescales for statement/ notification issue. The quarterly statements continued to be sent by DSI Billing Services. The cumulative cost of this quarterly service for 2017-18 would exceed £10,000 with the January to March 2018 mail outs and as such an exemption decision was required.
Date of Exemption: The report was signed off on 7 December 2017
Brief Summary of any action taken: Greenwich Graphics is preparing to take over this function from April 2018.
In the case of works awarded without competition to this provider in the previous 2 years, provide details and amounts (£):
Financial Implications: n/a

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DIRECTORATE OF CHILDREN SERVICES

CSI:

Exemption Description:

Exemption under Contract Standing Order 7 of the usual tendering requirements of Contract Standing 12.1, which enables the Chief Officers to award contracts for over £25,000 but less than £100,000, following at least 3 written quotations, to award contracts for a period of two months from 1 September 2017 to 31 October 2017

The total value of the contracts will be up to £30,000 and awarded to:

Contractor	Cost per assessment
ChildPsy7 (Caswell Consulting Ltd)	£1,000
London Psychology Practice Ltd	£1,000
Non Stop Recruitment	£1,000
Montague Swift	£1,000
Psychology People	£825

The suppliers will be contracted to complete a fixed number of assessments during the contract period. The work has been assessed as being out of scope with regard to the IR35 legislation.

Reason for Exemption (please include details of all dates/timelines and timetables where applicable):

RBG's Educational Psychology service is a traded service to schools. Demand for the service has expanded as a result of the implementation of the Children and Family Act (2014) which makes it a statutory requirement to transfer the statements of children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) to Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans. The deadline for this transfer is March 2018

Locum Education Psychologists ("EP") are required to enable an urgent deadline of 20th October to be met to complete reassessments of children and young people identified by the Local Authority as a high priority for EP assessment

If the Local Authority fails to meet the DfE deadlines, it would be in breach of its statutory duties and at risk of significant financial penalty

The providers are the only providers able to deliver the requirements within the timescales.

Date of Exemption:

September 2017

Brief Summary of any action taken:

As a result of the statutory requirement to transfer all statements to EHC Plans by March 2018, the Educational Psychology service has had to increase capacity to meet this deadline. The service has recruited one additional permanent EP and one short-term (one year) EP who joined the service in September 2017. Whilst this will reduce the use of locums in the long term, in the

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short-to-medium term the service will need to continue using locum EPs in order to meet the statutory requirement around EHC Plans.

There is an urgent deadline of 20th October to complete reassessments of children and young people identified by the Local Authority as a high priority for EP assessment. These are cases where the Local Authority is at risk of appeals to the First Tier Tribunal a) regarding placement decisions at secondary transfer or b) where a decision may be made to cease an EHC Plan or Statement of SEN and a risk of losing that appeal where these decisions have not been made on the basis of an up to date assessment of need

In the case of works awarded without competition to this provider in the previous 2 years, provide details and amounts (£):

Three of the providers have been awarded works without competition in the previous 2 years to support the Educational Psychology service to meet required deadlines and as the only providers able to deliver the requirements within the timescales.

1 Apr 2017- 31 Aug 2017 total contract value £24,000
ChildPsy7 (Caswell Consulting Ltd) £1,000 per assessment
London Psychology Practice Ltd £1,000 per assessment

1 Apr 2016 - 31 July 2016
Psychology People £450 a day for 44 days = £19,800

Financial Implications:

Total value of the contracts will be up to £30,000 for two months. The cost will be met from earmarked SEN reserves for implementation of the SEND reforms.