

**GATESHEAD COMMUNITY LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE  
LEICESTER COMMUNITY LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE**

**INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF GENERAL AND SPECIALIST LEGAL  
ADVICE AND REPRESENTATION SERVICES**

Tenders are invited from organisations (or groups of organisations which propose to form a single legal entity) that have the experience, skills and ability to provide an accessible, independent, quality assured and integrated legal advice Centre in Gateshead and in Leicester. Proposals to use subcontractors to deliver some services are acceptable, provided that the overall service is integrated and managed effectively.

The Legal Services Commission is jointly commissioning and funding:

- Gateshead Community Legal Advice Centre with Gateshead Council
- Leicester Community Legal Advice Centre with Leicester City Council

The successful applicant for each tender will be awarded a contract to run the Centre for an initial period of three years from the date services begin, which is to be no later than 31 March 2007.

Further information and a tender pack are available from

- Leicester: [www.leicester.gov.uk/advice](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/advice)
- Gateshead: [www.nepoportal.org/search](http://www.nepoportal.org/search) (select Gateshead Council from the drop down list and enter the Contract ID: GCC/PLN/6Q2FTA).

**Questions regarding the Centres and the tenders can be submitted to  
[CLSPolicy@legalservices.gov.uk](mailto:CLSPolicy@legalservices.gov.uk).**

**The closing date for questions for**

- **Gateshead is 12 noon on 7th July 2006.**
- **Leicester is 12 noon on 21st July 2006.**

NB these closing dates have been extended due to feedback received.

Questions will normally be answered within 10 working days. Please check the above local authority web addresses on a regular basis to review the question and answer section before finalising your tender. All questions will be answered by 28<sup>th</sup> July in Gateshead and 2<sup>nd</sup> August in Leicester.

**The closing date for applications for**

- **Gateshead is 12 noon on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2006.**
- **Leicester is 12 noon on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2006.**