

DH invites proposals for Outreach Dental Care Programme for the Elderly

The Department of Health (DH) today (December 29) invited interested parties to submit proposals for service provision under the Outreach Dental Care Programme for the Elderly (ODCP).

Currently, a total of 23 outreach dental teams from 10 non-governmental organisations have been set up under the ODCP, which aims to:

1. Provide free dental care services to elderly persons at residential care homes and day care centres/units for the elderly, including those in need and considered by the attending dentist as suitable for further curative treatment;
2. Promote the importance of oral care and oral health to elderly people, their family members and caregivers; and
3. Provide oral care training to caregivers in residential care homes and day care centres/units for the elderly to enhance their ability and knowledge in providing daily oral care services to elderly persons.

The current service year for the ODCP will run until March 31, 2021. Interested parties are invited to submit proposals for the new service period from April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2024. Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Being a non-profit-making entity and exempt from tax under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112);
2. Operating at least one dental clinic for the public at the application closing date; and
3. Being registered in accordance with requirements under section 12 of the Dentists Registration Ordinance (Cap. 156) at the application closing date.

The Government will assess the proposals from interested applicants in accordance with the requirements specified in the invitation document, as well as their experience and track record in operating dental clinic(s) and outreach dental services for the public.

Interested applicants can collect a set of invitation document from the DH's Elderly Special Dental Care Division at 147A Argyle Street, Kowloon, or request a copy by email (seo_odcp@dh.gov.hk).

Applications should reach the DH at Oral Health Education Division, 1/F, Hospital Authority Building, 147B Argyle Street, Kowloon, at or before 9.30am on January 19, 2021. Late applications will not be accepted. For enquiries, please call the Elderly Special Dental Care Division (2515 2039).