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## **Postvention Service for Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board**

NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board

Chippenham

#### **Email**

[donnaharrington@nhs.net](mailto:donnaharrington@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

#### **NHS Organisation Data Service**

92G

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://bsw.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

## **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Postvention Service for Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board

Reference number

C331047 / WA16900

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to seek expressions of interest in being considered as the most suitable provider for the delivery of a Postvention Service within Swindon and Wiltshire.

The Postvention service provides suicide bereavement support for individuals close to, or that were in contact with the person who took their life, offering individual personalised support sessions (psychosocial/emotional support and practical support).

NHS Bath and North East Somerset (BaNES), Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board ("BSW") is seeking to secure a prime provider who has the capability and capacity to deliver Postvention Services, in line with the specified requirements in the long description.

The contract duration is for an interim period of 7 months whilst BSW ICB undertake a full competitive process under PSR to appoint a suitably qualified provider for a longer-term provision.

For the purpose of this Most Suitable Provider process, the contract will commence on the 1st April 2025.

TUPE may apply.

The approximate lifetime value of the contract is £35,940.

This exercise is being carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to seek expressions of interest in being considered as the most suitable provider for the delivery of a Postvention Service within the Swindon and Wiltshire locality on behalf of NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board.

It should be noted that the incumbent provider is providing a good service, and it is deemed that they would be the most suitable provider to continue to provide these services and the least disruptive solution for current service users for an interim 7 months whilst BSW undertake a full competitive process under PSR to appoint a suitably qualified provider for a longer-term provision.

The Postvention service provides suicide bereavement support for individuals close to, or that were in contact with the person who took their life offering individual personalised support sessions (psychosocial/emotional support and practical support).

Through a tiered support model, the service enables service user (SU) support as they move through the service at differing intensity levels. Timeframes are adjustable based on SU needs and service demand. Whilst close family and friends (suicide bereaved) may need longer periods of support, colleagues or neighbours (suicide exposed) may need shorter periods supporting capacity management within the service.

Individuals may extend support if needed with exit support including jointly developed exit plans outlining services, coping strategies and emergency numbers; providing self-help materials; encouraging peer-led group attendance; referring individuals for further support; and completing monthly telephone check-ins for six months and on e.g., anniversary of suicide and other anniversaries/birthdays following service user consent.

The service will primarily run on weekdays, delivering flexibly up to 8pm to suit SUs in employment or education and offer pre-arranged weekend sessions if needed.

The service will provide an SU-led whole-community approach tailored to SU and community needs tailoring support based on assessment/support planning including:

Individual Support: personalised support sessions

Psychosocial/Emotional support

Practical support

Supporting information.

Signposting and/or referral to other relevant and appropriate services and;

Follow-up.

NHS Bath and North East Somerset (BaNES), Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board ("BSW") is seeking to secure a prime provider who has the capability and capacity to deliver Postvention Services, in line with the specified requirements.

The geography covered is Swindon and Wiltshire. A suitable operational facility is required within the local area, which allows for patient appointments and treatment sessions to be appropriately completed.

The contract duration is for an interim period of 7 months whilst BSW ICB undertake a full competitive process under PSR to appoint a suitably qualified provider for a longer-term provision.

For the purpose of this Most Suitable Provider process, the contract will commence on the 1st April 2025.

TUPE may apply.

The approximate lifetime value of the contract (for 7 months) is £35,940.

Providers wishing to express an interest must do so within the e-procurement system where providers will be given access to a questionnaire which must be submitted to complete their expression of interest.

Expressions of interest must be submitted no later than 5pm, 3rd February 2025 via the e-procurement portal.

This exercise is being carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

3 February 2025

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Interested providers will be able to view this opportunity via the live opportunities list on the 'Health Family' e-procurement system, Atamis. Click on 'View our Live Opportunities' from the home page, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the relevant information, you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page.

If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before gaining full access to the documentation and to be able to submit your expression of interest and questionnaire using the placeholder provided within Atamis.

Award decision makers, Director of Place Swindon & BSW Executive Director for Mental Health & Primary Care.

The intention is to award a contract using the most suitable provider process.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intended approach notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.