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## **Peer Mentoring for Individuals with a Substance Dependency - Scotland and Wales**

Department for Work and Pensions

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

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

Department for Work and Pensions

Quarry House, Quarry Hill

Leeds

LS2 &UA

#### **Email**

[centralmailbox.drugandalcoholpolicy@DWP.gov.uk](mailto:centralmailbox.drugandalcoholpolicy@DWP.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Peer Mentoring for Individuals with a Substance Dependency - Scotland and Wales

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Subject to sufficient market interest, DWP is considering tendering for a new drug and alcohol dependency Peer Mentoring Trial in Scotland (minimum of four (4) peer mentors covering the Glasgow City area) and Wales (minimum of three (3) peer mentors covering Wrexham, Rhyl and Denbighshire). The Trial is already being implemented in the wider London, Portsmouth, Liverpool City and Hull regions.

We are holding an information session for interested providers on 8 February 2023. If you would like to attend, please register your interest by email to

[centralmailbox.drugandalcoholpolicy@DWP.gov.uk](mailto:centralmailbox.drugandalcoholpolicy@DWP.gov.uk) and include email addresses for your attendees (maximum of two (2) per supplier).

Employment makes an important contribution to gaining and sustaining recovery from a substance dependency. However, it can be difficult for Jobcentre Plus to support individuals with an addiction. Individuals are often unwilling to disclose their dependency to Work Coaches due to denial, shame or fear that they may be sanctioned in some way. Other individuals with a dependency may not be engaged with DWP at all. As a result, individuals are not able to receive the help and support they need to overcome their tendency and move towards or in to work.

Peer Mentors will work in partnership with Jobcentre Plus staff and use their lived experience to support individuals disclose their dependency, access appropriate support (including treatment, housing and financial services) and move towards employment. Peer Mentor support will include holding a minimum of eight (8) face-to-face sessions with Mentees; conducting a diagnostic interview with Mentees to identify their needs and barriers; producing a SMART action plan for each Mentee; acting as an advocate for recovery and supporting Mentees carry out steps from their action plan such as helping them navigate various services, encouraging them to engage in training or employment opportunities.

Providers will be required to demonstrate a track record of engaging with drug and alcohol dependents and treatment services; recruit Peer Mentors with lived experience of drug or alcohol dependency; suitably train Peer Mentors in supporting Mentees with complex needs; implement appropriate structures to manage, supervise and safeguard Peer Mentors and Mentees; deliver the provision in a location which is accessible to customers from the dedicated Jobcentre Plus offices; and raise awareness of the Peer Mentoring Trial through new and existing relationships and networks.

Interested providers will need to hold ISO27001 and Cyber Essentials certification and be accredited on the DWP Test and Learn Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) under the Peer Support service line in order to be invited to submit a tender for this opportunity. Please see the link below for more information:

DWP Test and Learn Dynamic Purchasing System: guidance for businesses - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £773,191

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Peer Mentoring for Individuals with a Substance Dependency - Scotland

Lot No

8

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

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

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Peer Mentoring for Individuals with a Substance Dependency - Wales

Lot No

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## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Wales

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

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

13 March 2023

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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: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

As this competition is a call-off from the Test & Learn Dynamic Purchasing System, it is not anticipated that a contract notice will be required.

Please note – In order to bid for Peer Mentoring for Individuals with a Substance Dependency – Scotland and Wales, you will need to hold ISO27001 and Cyber Essentials certification and be accredited on the DWP Test and Learn Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) under the Peer Support service line in order to be invited to submit a tender for this opportunity. Please see the link below for more information:

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If you have not registered already with DPS you need to have submitted your application by 9 a.m. Tuesday 21st February 2023.

Please register for the 'information session' as per section 11.1.4 of this Notice.