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## **Community Front Room and Recovery Bed Provision**

Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

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Procurement Dept

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Community Front Room and Recovery Bed Provision

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

This notice is to provide advanced notice that Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust is intending to undertake a procurement exercise for the service provision of Community Front Rooms.

Dorset Healthcare is looking for qualified providers to submit tenders for the provision of five so-called "Community Front Rooms" (CFRs) across the county of Dorset. The CFRs have been running for approximately 5 years and provide a valuable local service in the provision of face-to-face 'crisis' out of hours mental health support, to adults 18+ in a self-defined mental health crisis. The model focusses on building community supports and assets, signposting and advice, with an ethos of lived experience and peer support as central. The CFRs ensure that rural populations have fair access to such support, with four of the CFRs to be situated in rural Dorset locations: Dorchester or Weymouth, North Dorset, Bridport, Purbeck/North Poole. This then complements what is available in more urban parts of the county. One of the five CFRs will also be provided to Bournemouth University Students.

The Services procured under this contract will fall under the Light Touch Regime (LTR) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and therefore subject to limited regulations, in accordance with regulations 74 to 76 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

It is intended that the tender opportunity will be advertised in FTS in due course

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

Value excluding VAT: £3,200,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

Main site or place of performance

Dorset

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

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

25 March 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