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Contract

COV - Psychology Support for Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Coventry City Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Coventry City Council

Council House, Earl Street

COVENTRY

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Procurement Services

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG33 - Coventry

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

[uk,www.coventry.gov.uk](http://uk.www.coventry.gov.uk)

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

COV - Psychology Support for Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Reference number

COV - 18234

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121270 - Psychiatrist or psychologist services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This contract will deliver psychology support for the benefit of people misusing substances and aid their recovery, including:

- Professional support to substance misuse services, including consultation, training and professional supervision of staff to support the delivery of effective psychology interventions and navigate the mental health system
- Direct clinical interventions with service users of substance misuse services, including assessment and formulation for high-risk individuals and co-delivery of psychological interventions

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG33 - Coventry

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Coventry City Council commissioned an adult drug and alcohol treatment service in line with current clinical standards. The launch of the new national drug strategy "From Harm to Hope" has introduced a number of new elements of provision; one of these elements of provision which is strongly recommended within treatment systems is an uplift in the level of psychological-informed services to help improve the quality of provision and support more people into recovery. Currently, there is no psychology input commissioned by the City Council within drug and alcohol treatment provision.

A number of psychology models of treatment are available including:

- Employment of local psychologists and therapies to deliver individual counselling
- Local psychology input to help co-deliver psychologically-led groupwork activity with drug and alcohol treatment services

Psychology input to advice and support existing staff to deliver effective psychologically informed treatments - this can be through (i) supervision and consultation with staff and (ii) support at multi disciplinary team (MDT) meetings, particularly in relation to more complex cases. Employment of local psychologists and other psychology assistants, etc, to deliver individual counselling interventions is costly and is likely to encounter recruitment challenges with a limited number of addiction specialist psychologists available in the country. Therefore, it is recommended that psychology input into adult treatment services via consultation, supervision, MDT support and a limited capacity of co-delivered provision is considered the lower cost, realistic alternative. This model will help avoid duplication of provision offered via secondary mental health services.

The addition of psychology into the local treatment model will improve the quality of interventions, lead to improved engagement and connectivity with local secondary mental health services in line with the ambitions of the national drug strategy and One Coventry plans to support the most vulnerable.

The Council will be receiving an uplift in a ringfenced grant from central government to support the delivery of national drug strategy ambitions (Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant - SSMTRG) - this procurement will utilise this ring-fenced grant.

This is a new contract and will be developed over the life of the provision. The Provider will support the development of the service, including the development of an evidence-based framework to baseline and monitor outcomes.

This notice is an intention to award a contract under Regulation 11 - Competitive Process of The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

The approximate lifetime value of the contract is £300,000 including any permitted contract extensions.

The services associated with this contract shall be provided between the start and end date of this contract included any permitted contract extensions.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality and Innovation / Weighting: 45%

Quality criterion - Name: Integration, collaboration and service sustainability / Weighting: 25%

Quality criterion - Name: Access, inequalities and disparities, and choice / Weighting: 25%

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5%

Cost criterion - Name: Value - within budget / Weighting: Pass/Fail

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial contract term is 12 months with the option to extend by 2 x 12 months

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

7 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust

Coventry

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG33 - Coventry

NHS Organisation Data Service

RYG

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £299,550

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoid of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to Coventry City Council via email address procurement.services@coventry.gov.uk by 15th March 2024. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award a contract under the competitive process of the PSR.

Coventry City Council has awarded this contract on the most economically advantageous tender to the top scoring Provider against the named 'Key Criteria' in the tender documentation (section II.2.5 Award Criteria of this notice).

No conflicts of interests were identified of the individuals involved in the decisions associated with this contract award.

Patient safety and strength of pathways between treatment services and mental services are critical under this contract and therefore higher weightings were attributed to the Key Criteria 'Quality and Innovation', 'Integration, collaboration and service sustainability' and 'Access, inequalities and disparities, and choice'

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom