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## **Enhanced Mental Health Pathfinder (EMHP) - Market Engagement - Networking Opportunity**

NHS England

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

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

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UKI - London

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

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Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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**

Enhanced Mental Health Pathfinder (EMHP) - Market Engagement - Networking Opportunity

Reference number

PRJ2061

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

### II.1.4) Short description

NHS England London Region (hereafter referred to as "The Authority") invites interested, suitably qualified and experienced providers to attend a Market Engagement Event in advance of publication of Enhanced Mental Health Pathfinder (EMHP) Services across London. Please note, the main purpose of this event is to network with other potential providers.

NHS England - London Health and Justice Team are seeking to procure a collaborative partnership to deliver a pan-London Enhanced Mental Health Pathfinder service for victims and survivors of sexual abuse or assault with complex trauma related mental health needs.

The main service outcome will be to increase access, reduce fragmentation and work collaboratively across sectors to address the identified barriers within the pathways, and between statutory and voluntary sector service providers.

The EMHP will be a partnership of service providers working together to deliver the service specification including clinical support, training and development and creating a network of partners.

Key objectives of Pathfinders are to:

- o create and improve pathways and partnership working approaches to the benefit of individuals with complex trauma related mental health needs associated with sexual assault and abuse;
- o improve access to professionals trained in identification of, and appropriate response to, complex trauma related mental health needs associated with sexual assault and abuse;
- o for individuals with complex trauma related mental health needs the primary aim is to reduce complex trauma related symptoms and improve quality of life (improve individual wellbeing, reduce mental health symptomology, minimise harm and re-traumatisation, improve functioning (including social and occupational) and support healing and recovery);
- o encourage establishment of trauma-informed systems that have impact beyond this service; o build evidence base for the value of new approaches.

Core principles of pathfinders for adult victims and survivors of sexual assault and abuse with complex trauma related mental health needs:

1. Reduce fragmentation in services and increase access to professionals competent and confident in identifying and responding to the needs of adult victims and survivors;
2. Every interaction matters. Promotion of trauma-informed and strengths-based approaches that acknowledge the need for personalisation, collaboration, and choice;
3. Focus on collaboration and co-production.

#### Market Engagement:

Following the last Market Engagement Event on 19 February 2025 which assisted the Commissioners with testing its assumptions and proposed service requirements, this second market engagement event will take place to enable further networking and discussion, as well as to share updates around the contracting mechanism and proposed service outcomes.

The Authority plans to hold this on Wednesday 7 May 2025 from 14:00 - 16:30 at Wellington House, Lower Ground, 133 - 155 Waterloo Road, London, SE1 8UG.

This Market Engagement event is open to any interested potential bidder and is not limited to those that attended the previous event.

Number of attendees: Maximum of 2 people per organisation.

Registration closes at 12:00pm (Noon) on 29 April 2025.

**IMPORTANT:** Please note the market engagement event registration form can be found at the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/KzYqjNNeL3>

Please complete the Market Engagement Event Registration Form by no later than 12:00pm (Noon) on 29 April 2025 if you are interested to attend the event.

Important note: Due to room capacity, we may need to close registration early should we be at capacity. Therefore, we advise you to register at your earliest opportunity.

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

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

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

As stated in the short description.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The indicative maximum financial envelope for this procurement will be £1,000,000 per annum.

The indicative contract length will have an initial term of 3 years, with the possibility of extending the term up to a further 2 years beyond the initial contracted duration. The finalised contract term and value are still being discussed and is subject to change at the sole discretion of the Authority during the pre-procurement period. Contract extension will be subject to satisfactory performance and by mutual agreement between the Commissioners and Providers, but the intention is for this service and the partnership that supports it to be part of longer-term transformation work.

Supporting documents will be shared in advance of the MEE.

Organisation or agency biographies submitted in the Registration Form will be shared in a directory of services to aid provider networking.

The NHS London Commercial Hub (LCH), hosted by NHS North East London ICB (Part of North East London Health and Care Partnership) is managing this Market Engagement process on behalf of NHS England (London Region).

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

1 January 2026