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Planning

## **Community Equipment and Wheelchair Service**

Somerset County Council  
Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group

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

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

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Buyer's address

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

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**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Community Equipment and Wheelchair Service

Reference number

DN393634

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE

This is not a call for competition and is not yet a contract opportunity.

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE:** By Expressing an Interest in this event via the portal you are not confirming your place at the event. Please follow the instructions below to reserve your place. **\*\***

Provision of an Integrated Community Equipment and Wheelchair Service for Somerset (CEWS).

Somerset County Council and Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group are jointly seeking to hear from organisations that might be interested in delivering an Integrated Community Equipment and Wheelchairs service for the people of Somerset.

This is an exciting time of integration across Somerset, with a real focus on improving people's lives through promoting their independence and working much more collaboratively across statutory services to ensure that they get the best possible help, when they need it.

The aim of this service will be to enable Adults, Children, Young People (CYP) and/or their Carers to access a range of equipment, including wheelchairs according to assessed need. A fundamental principle of the service is to promote and enable these individuals to

continue living independently and in their own homes, communities, and schools, including those wishing to access these services independently of the Commissioners.

#### **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)

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

As part of this process Somerset County Council and Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group would like to hear views from a range of market providers about the future options and is inviting organisations to attend soft market testing events as follows:

- 8th June 2021 – session relating to the proposed vision for future service delivery
- 21st June 2021 – session relating to proposed financial and contractual arrangements

It is anticipated that any new arrangements would commence on 1st August 2022.

#### **Soft Market Testing Events**

Soft Market Testing events will be held on Tuesday 8th June and Monday 21st June and Somerset County Council and Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group are inviting organisations to attend that might be interested in delivering this service, either individually or in partnership with others. The event will be an opportunity to inform and shape future options. Somerset County Council and Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group are keen to hear feedback from a range of providers as part of the wider consultation for these services.

Organisations that take part will not be advantaged or disadvantaged in any way in any potential future formal procurement. Commercial confidentiality will be respected. This notice does not represent a formal commitment by Somerset County Council and Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group to undertake a procurement procedure.

#### **Event Details**

Community Equipment and Wheelchair Service – proposed vision for future service

delivery

Date: Tuesday 8th June

Time: 10:30 to 12:00

Venue: Microsoft Teams meeting

Community Equipment and Wheelchair Service – proposed financial and contractual arrangements

Date: Monday 21st June

Time: 10:30 to 12:00

Venue: Microsoft Teams meeting

Event Registration:

To attend this event please email [tbosher@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:tbosher@somerset.gov.uk) providing the name of your organisation, the name of the person(s) wishing to attend (Max 4 per organisation) and a contact email address for each. Please ensure that those attending from your organisation are the most appropriate to feed into the discussions. If you are unable to attend the event, the presentation, notes and associated documentation will be available through the e-tender system ProContract ([www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk](http://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk)).

SCC reserves the right to cancel or re-arrange these events at its own discretion.

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

1 October 2021

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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