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Contract

## **Somerset CCG - Social Prescribing Link Worker Services**

Somerset CCG

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-012197

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02b717

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

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

Somerset CCG

Wynford House, Lufton Way

Yeovil

BA22 8HR

#### **Contact**

Angela Mortley

#### **Email**

[angelamortley@nhs.net](mailto:angelamortley@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu.aspx/Home>

**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**

Somerset CCG - Social Prescribing Link Worker Services

Reference number

WA11016

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

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The commissioner believes that that the current providers are the only providers capable of meeting their needs in each of the locality and are best placed to continue to build upon work already done with existing health, social care, Council and local community providers.

The Services are healthcare services within the meaning and scope of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The Commissioner has voluntarily advertised this notice of intention to award this contract to reach as wide an audience as possible and to promote transparency and in line with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii). The Commissioner is firmly of the view that competition is absent for technical reasons, that the organisations listed above are the only provider capable of meeting the CCG's needs within specific localities for the reasons detailed above.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Lowest offer: £2,500,000 / Highest offer: £4,000,000 taken into consideration

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services
- 85323000 - Community health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset

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

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

Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group (SCCG) is looking to formalise a Social Prescribing Model which included the provision of Health Coaches and Social Prescribing Link Workers across the whole county.

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community. SPLW's achieve this through the adoption of a strength-based, solution-focused approach. These approaches allow SPLW's to help people resolve the wide range of non-medical issues that so commonly affect people's health and wellbeing.

The context and history of hosting SPLWs or similar roles in Somerset is different to that of Health Coaches in that a wider number of local partner organisations have been involved. Some of these arrangements have taken a long time to establish, have been working well and would be in the public interest to continue, particularly in a Covid/post-Covid era. SPLWs and Health Coaches will positively contribute to multiagency team working in each PCN area.

As such SCCG with the agreement of Primary Care Committee created a county wide specification and undertook a process with nominated local providers. It was deemed that this approach was considered to be both in the public interest and in the interest of the local system because the SPLW services are only effective when they have acquired extensive local knowledge, developed high levels of trust with community groups and strong and high trust relationships with other local health and care teams. The process involved asking each PCN for their view of any local organisations with the right experience, relationships and history of collaborative working with them. This organisation was then invited to a process to test out their ability to deliver services over a 3 year contract period with the possible extension of any period up to a further 2 years at the discretion of the Commissioner.

The outcome of the process is that 3 contracts will be awarded for the PCN areas of:

[Community Council for Somerset] Bridgwater, North Sedgemoor, Taunton Central, Taunton Deane, Tone Valley and West Somerset,

[Health Connections Mendip] Mendip, West Mendip and Frome and

[Rural Practice Network] South Somerset East PCN.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

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### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [1960/S 111-111111](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Community Council for Somerset

Viney Court, Viney Street, Taunton

Taunton

TA13FB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £3,203,009

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Health Connections Mendip

Frome Medical Practice, Enos Way

Frome

BA112FH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,314,017

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Number of tenders received: 3

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Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Rural Practice Network

Millbrook Surgery, Millbrook Gardens

Castle Cary

BA77EE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £372,107

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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