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## **Avon and Somerset Sexual Assault and Abuse Therapeutic Services**

NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group

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

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

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**Region code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://bnssgccq.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**

Avon and Somerset Sexual Assault and Abuse Therapeutic Services

Reference number

WA

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG CCG) on behalf of a consortia of commissioners, including the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Bristol City Council, Somerset CCG, Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES) area of Bath, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) CCG and NHS England, are exploring options for the future commissioning of Sexual Assault and Abuse Therapeutic Services for the Avon and Somerset area. Providers who are interested in delivering future Sexual Assault and Abuse Therapeutic Services for adults, children and young people for the Avon and Somerset region are invited to express interest through a Market Engagement Questionnaire. The information you provide will be used to inform the next steps of the commissioning process.

Commissioners are looking to establish what interest there might be in providing such a service from suitably qualified, capable and competent organisations and/or partnerships and any barriers that may exist in providing these services.

The draft financial envelope to deliver this core Avon and Somerset Service is in line with the current service description financial envelope and is £250,000 per annum with an additional £63,000 specifically ring-fenced for provision within the BNSSG Area. The future specification may be scaled up and/or adapted with additional funds from local commissioners to help create equity of access and respond to local population needs.

The outputs from the market engagement exercise will help to inform the contract award

approach for a new contract which is planned to commence from 1st April 2023. This process is being managed by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner(s).

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

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

Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG CCG) is exploring options for the future commissioning of Sexual Assault and Abuse Therapeutic Services for the Avon and Somerset area. The information you provide will be used to inform the next steps of the commissioning process.

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A Health Needs Assessment (HNA) was completed in 2021. This captured the context and landscape of sexual assault and abuse therapeutic services across the South West and made recommendations for future commissioning and delivery. This contract represents a small proportion of the Avon and Somerset therapeutic provision for people who have experienced sexual assault and abuse, with many existing services attracting the majority of their funding through charitable and/ or statutory sources.

In Avon and Somerset, commissioners from a number of organisations with a stake in this pathway including the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Bristol City Council, BNSSG CCG, Somerset CCG, BaNES CCG and NHS England, have joined together to consider recommendations from the HNA and respond to the challenges and opportunities. They have worked with external facilitators to agree priorities and objectives and to identify

best practice in this field and are considering how this recommissioning exercise can be designed to best meet the needs of survivors.

As the next stage in this process, commissioners would like to hear from suitably qualified, capable and competent organisations and/or partnerships who would be interested in delivering services in the future.

The outputs from the market engagement exercise will help to inform the contract award approach for a new contract which is planned to commence from 1st April 2023. Please note that dates and financial envelopes are subject to change

Providers who are interested in delivering these services are invited to express their interest by emailing [Caitlin.dyke@nhs.net](mailto:Caitlin.dyke@nhs.net) who will send you the service description and a market engagement questionnaire to complete and send back to us.

Interested parties should note that a response to this Notice does not guarantee an automatic invitation to participate in any subsequent formal process.

This process is being managed by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner(s).

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

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but is instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

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

1 August 2022

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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

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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Any future tendering process will be conducted in accordance with the requirements and flexibilities provided by Articles 74 to 76 of the Directive, and Regulations 74 to 76 of the Regulations. The Authority will run a transparent tender process, treating all Bidders equally. For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority will not be bound by the Regulations or any other regulations or legislation except for the specific parts or circumstances that apply to the procurement of these Services.

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