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Planning

Drug and Alcohol Community Service

Bath and North East Somerset Council

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Drug and Alcohol Community Service

Reference number

DN719552

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Bath and North East Somerset Council is seeking to procure an all age Drug and Alcohol Community Service to support adults, children, young people and their families and affected others who have experienced difficulties linked to substance use.

The Council is looking for a service that is accessible, inclusive and outcomes-focused, empowering people to lead drug and alcohol harm free lives.

We are proposing the service will provide interventions to achieve outcomes to reduce harms caused by substances, enable, and maximise chances of recovery and offer support that enables universal and targeted services for the population.

We are seeking a service to provide a safe, effective, and high-quality community-based specialist treatment with a range of evidenced based substance use interventions that will support all aged people and their families achieving positive outcomes with respect to alcohol and other drug use; offending and criminal involvement; physical and psychological health and social functioning.

We are proposing that the service will provide specialist expertise, working directly with people and supporting, contributing, and enabling the wider system to effectively respond to the challenges of drug and alcohol use.

The community-based substance use service will be responsive to identified and emerging local needs (to include, but not be limited to: alcohol, opiate, non-opiates, psychoactive substances, prescription and over the counter drugs as well as image and performance enhancing drugs) and will provide both medical and psychosocial interventions for harm reduction and recovery.

We are seeking a service provider that will invest in strong collaboration with other services and partners in the community, have clear pathways in and out of different support services and health settings and be integrated in B&NES to reduce harm and build recovery in partnership and not in isolation.

The proposed contract length is for 5 years with +2 year extension option.

The contract will start in April 2025.

A market engagement event will take place on Thursday 9th May, 2.30pm – 4pm in Keynsham Civic Centre. Please could you confirm your interest in attending by emailing public_health@bathnes.gov.uk with details of your name, organisation, position and telephone number.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £17,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Upholding B&NES core vision to work together to enable people from B&NES to grow up and live free from harms of substance use whilst maintaining the core aims of the B&NES drug and alcohol strategy (2022-2027): 'To focus on prevention alongside early intervention, and support those that experience difficulties with substance use by having an effective treatment and recovery system', Bath and North East Somerset Council is seeking to procure an all age Drug and Alcohol Community Service to support adults, children, young people and their families and affected others who have experienced difficulties linked to substance use.

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We are proposing the Service will directly provide and / or manage provision of Tier 2, Tier 3 and the access to Tier 4 provision including;

- A holistic adult and young people's substance use service (for people up to the age of 25 years) with clear and seamless transitional arrangements.
- Support for families and carers of people using drugs and alcohol.
- Access to residential detoxification and rehabilitation and management of the placement budget.
- Management of Shared Care provision in GP practices or alternative arrangement to fulfil the need of treatment in the community
- Ensure specific provision for complex needs (with emphasis on co-occurring mental health and substance misuse diagnosis).
- An effective and responsive outreach and engagement offer.
- A harm reduction offer for all, whether in treatment or not, with emphasis on Naloxone distribution and direct delivery of specialist needle exchange and pharmacy provision of needle and syringe programmes with easy accessibility including extended hours, varying locations etc.

- Management of the Community Pharmacy Contract which includes:

a service to dispense, support and monitor the consumption of opiate substitute treatment medication

A pharmacy needle exchange programme which provides access to sterile needles and syringes and sharps containers for the storage and return of used equipment to promote safe injecting practice and reduce transmission of infections.

Waste management of used sharps containers.

- A programme of Drug and alcohol training for schools, and a programme of training to support the wider workforce to increase early identification and referrals into treatment, reduce stigmatisation and better understand the needs of this vulnerable group of people. Endorsement and communication of national campaigns and community engagement to promote the service and encourage healthy behaviours.
- Effective continuation of blood borne virus programme ensuring hepatitis B vaccinations and hepatitis B and C screening are available to all clients entering or engaged with treatment services regardless of the presenting substance.

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II.2.14) Additional information

The services are being procured under the Provider Selection Regime.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 July 2024

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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