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Planning

## **West Sussex Mental Health Supported Accommodation NHS/SOEPS/21.818 RFI**

NHS West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

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

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**

West Sussex Mental Health Supported Accommodation NHS/SOEPS/21.818 RFI

Reference number

NHS/SOEPS/21.818 RFI

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Sussex Commissioners are commencing market engagement for a Mental Health Supported Accommodation Service in West Sussex. The aim of the Mental Health Supported Accommodation Service is to provide an accommodation-based service in the community that provides short term stays for people as an alternative to hospital care. Service Users may be at risk of admission or be being discharged from hospital. The Service will provide a supportive environment to prevent an escalation of mental health Crisis including self-harm, suicidal ideation or distress, and subsequent hospital admissions or readmission, through the provision of 24-hour mental health support and short-term accommodation.

It is anticipated that the service would be offered for tender under a standard NHS contract for a period of 3 years commencing on the 1st April 2023 with option to extend for a maximum of a further two years.

The purpose of this RFI is to gauge market interest and feedback via the RFI response form for the provision of the service and provide the CCGs with valuable information to help update and improve the proposed service specification.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the requirements please send a portal message suggesting a date/time for a telephone conversation.

A service specification and RFI questionnaire are available. To access these and return your completed RFI questionnaire please do so via the etendering portal:

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

The deadline for responses is 4pm on Tuesday 31st May.

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

Value excluding VAT: £4,250,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Main site or place of performance

West Sussex CCG area

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

##### **Key Aims and Objectives**

The overarching aims of the Service will be to:

- Provide early and intensive support to prevent further deterioration for those experiencing a mental health crisis
- Support people to regain stability in a safe and comfortable environment
- Create a co-produced, personalised plan for each person using the service involving relevant community services and resources that mitigates the immediate circumstances that led to a mental health crisis and/or hospital admission
- Increase the capacity and diversity of services in the local crisis and hospital discharge pathways
- Increase the range of community-based crisis alternatives to traditional crisis teams, A&E, and in-patient care, within the Integrated crisis pathway
- Reduce local inequality in access to crisis and community mental health care
- Form part of a pathway that most efficiently meets people's needs in the community, with people only utilising hospital care when absolutely necessary and for as little time as is possible
- Facilitate a Discharge to Assess approach for Service Users who are medically fit to leave hospital with ongoing social care and/or housing assessment being completed in the Service as opposed to the hospital
- Enable health, social care, and housing assessments to take place within an appropriate community environment as opposed to inpatient care
- Ensure that Service Users only use psychiatric hospitals when there is an established clinical treatment need that can only be met within an inpatient environment

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

This is a process designed to help the Commissioners form a view of the best way to commission the Service and is not the beginning of a tender exercise. A further tender

advertisement will be issued at the appropriate time as/if required. You will not be disadvantaged in any subsequent tender process if you choose not to respond to this RFI but the Commissioners will use the level of response received as part of the supporting evidence for any next steps taken. The Commissioners wish to understand your views at this early stage, so you are encouraged to respond and complete the RFI form as fully as you can.

Please note: NHS England and Improvement have announced that the Sussex Health and Care Partnership, which is made up of all health and care organisations across East Sussex, West Sussex, and Brighton and Hove, has successfully met the criteria to become an Integrated Care System (ICS). An ICS is a way of working across health and care organisations that allows them to work more closely together, to take collective responsibility of the health and wellbeing of populations across large areas.

It is not anticipated that the statutory responsibility or accountability of the individual health and care organisations working as an ICS will be affected, save for the expectation that CCG organisations will be abolished and functions transferred to the ICS. As a result of these intended healthcare reforms, the Contracting Authority(s) currently NHS NHS West Sussex CCG, may change during the life of the contract.

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

1 July 2022