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Award

Stockton and Hartlepool Employment Connections Individual Placement Support (SHEC IPS)

Stockton on Tees Borough Council
Hartlepool Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

OPEN20251433

Description

The contract is to continue to support people, in structured treatment for substance misuse, into employment. Employment is a key motivational factor in recovery from substance use. Specialist advisors develop a network of employers to support the service e.g. with a placement or into paid employment, working with individuals to identify and realise their employment goals. The service includes the following:

- Speaking with benefits agencies on behalf of service users
- Working with the individual to find the kind of job they'd like
- Building confidence and identifying strengths

- Helping to write your CV's and getting users ready for interviews
 - Talking to local employers on their behalf
 - Helping users to understand their benefits and how work might affect them
 - Offering ongoing support once users have started work
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Contract 1. Stockton and Hartlepool Employment Connections Individual Placement Support (SHEC IPS)

Supplier

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Contract value

- £1,220,665 excluding VAT
- £1,464,798 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

18 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

18 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 3 March 2026
- 10 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

10 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

4 x 12 month optional extensions

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85100000 - Health services

- 85312500 - Rehabilitation services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

Information about tenders

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Supplier

RECOVERY CONNECTIONS

- Companies House: 06545431
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGXM-3463-DJPV

Bedford House 1st Floor

Middlesbrough

TS1 2JR

United Kingdom

Email: mark.stephenson@recoveryconnections.org.uk

Website: <https://recoveryconnections.org.uk/>

Region: UKC12 - South Teesside

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authorities

Stockton on Tees Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCVQ-6435-GNMW

Dunedin House, Columbia Drive, Thornaby

Stockton on Tees

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Email: jacob.headlam@stockton.gov.uk

Region: UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Hartlepool Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTCQ-5564-CHJP

Civic Centre, Victoria Road

Hartlepool

TS24 8AY

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@hartlepool.gov.uk

Region: UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Contact organisation

Contact Stockton on Tees Borough Council for any enquiries.