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Planning

Darlington Stop Smoking Service

Darlington Borough Council

F01: Prior information notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-065a60

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Darlington Borough Council

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Darlington

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC13 - Darlington

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.darlington.gov.uk

I.3) Communication

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

Darlington Stop Smoking Service

Reference number

PB2026-00320

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312500 - Rehabilitation services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

In accordance with Regulation 10 of The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, Darlington Borough Council is looking to award a contract for the provision of Darlington Stop Smoking Service.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,210,916

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC13 - Darlington

Main site or place of performance

Within the Borough of Darlington

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The description of the service is as follows:

- 1) Delivery of a Stop Smoking Service within Darlington to the population of the Borough: to provide evidence-based smoking cessation service with expert support, including treatments and intensive behavioural advice - specialist service provide support to smokers and to have independent prescriber(s) to prescribe NICE approved prescription drugs;
- 2) Training & support to other providers: to provide training and competency support to other stop smoking service providers, e.g. pharmacies, based on the latest evidence; and workforce development to ensure health and social care professionals have the skills and knowledge to provide Very Brief Advice to smokers and encourage smokers to quit;
- 3) Prescribing, medicines, equipment and data management: to validate the data from other providers e.g. Pharmacy, co-ordination and administration of pharmacological prescription (FP10 & NRT vouchers) and calibration of CO monitors.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

20 March 2026

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intended approach notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

The contract award decision will be made by the Director of Public Health and members of Darlington Borough Council's Public Health Leadership Team.

The intention is to award a contract using the Most Suitable Provider process.