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Planning

Individual Placement and Support Services (Coventry and Warwickshire) - Market Engagement

NHS Coventry and Warwickshire CCG

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=UK>

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Individual Placement and Support Services (Coventry and Warwickshire) - Market Engagement

Reference number

45283

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Coventry and Warwickshire CCG intends to undertake a procurement process to implement an Individual Placement Support service across Coventry and Warwickshire.

Prior to this process, the commissioner is looking to engage with the market in order to communicate the CCGs intention to procure the service and also obtain market feedback to help finalise the contract model and procurement strategy.

The deadline for feedback is 17:00 on 20th August 2021.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG13 - Warwickshire
- UKG33 - Coventry

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Individual Placement Support (IPS) is an evidence-based practice, developed in the USA in the 1990s and has been implemented across the world. International clinical trials have confirmed it is the most effective approach for supporting people with mental health problems to find and sustain paid employment.

The approach is based on 8 evidence-based principles:

- a. The Employment Specialist is integrated into the clinical team
- b. It aims to support people to access competitive paid employment
- c. Job search is rapid within 30 days
- d. There is an emphasis on service users deciding when it is the right time to return to employment, rather than the clinical team.
- e. Job search is based on service user choice.
- f. There is an emphasis on building relationships with employers in order to access the hidden labour market.
- g. Benefits counselling is provided to support the person through the transition from benefits to paid work.
- h. Availability of time unlimited support

The service will:

- Raise expectations around service user employment aspirations and capabilities.
- Be based within secondary mental health services and work as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
- Work in partnership with clinical staff to support service users to access paid employment.
- Ensure that the clinical team have a clear understanding of the IPS model, and their role in both having employment conversations with people accessing services and providing

interventions to support people to both access and retain paid employment.

- Ensure that where Employment Specialists working across a locality, they will be part of a virtual employment team. (In line with IPS fidelity this will include weekly team meetings to support team work, case reviews and employer engagement strategies. As well as regular service wide meetings for professional development and information sharing to ensure a co-ordinated approach to employer and external agency relationships).
- Attend relevant employment and mandatory training as required.
- Produce quarterly and annual monitoring reports as required.

II.2.14) Additional information

The CCG requests that potential providers of this service complete a short market engagement questionnaire and submit by the deadline date of 17:00 on 20th August 2021.

To access the questionnaire, as well as obtain further information relating to the service, please follow the instructions below:

1. Go to <https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=UK> and click the link to register (If your organisation has not registered previously)
2. Once registered, login into the system and look for 'quote/tender' reference 45283 - Individual Placement Support (IPS) Service (Coventry and Warwickshire) - Market Engagement.

To further enable potential providers to understand the scope and scale of the requirements, the draft service specification containing Key Performance Indicators and indicative budget has been made available via the eProcurement system. (Please follow access instructions above).

For any technical support relating to the eProcurement portal, please contact the e-tendering helpdesk on 0800 840 2050 or email support@eu-supply.com.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

12 October 2021

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

The commissioner does not bind itself to commencing or running any public procurement procedure further to, or as a result of, this market engagement. Any subsequent procurement will be commenced by way of a separate call for competition via a notice published in Find a Tender.

Any and all documents that are made available to the market as part of this engagement exercise are draft and are subject to change.