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## **Mental Health Support Services - Brighton and Hove / West Sussex - Request For Information (RFI)**

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board  
Brighton and Hove City Council

F01: Prior information notice

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

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

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board

Hove Town Hall, Norton Road

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BN3 4AH

#### **Contact**

Sarah Rix - Deputy Head of Procurement, Sussex

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QNX

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Brighton and Hove City Council

Hove Town Hall, Norton Road

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove

### **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.brighton-hove.gov.uk](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

## **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

Mental Health Support Services - Brighton and Hove / West Sussex - Request For Information (RFI)

Reference number

C294011 / 23.920

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Request For Information (RFI)

Mental Health Support Services - Brighton and Hove / West Sussex

The Commissioners (NHS Sussex and Brighton and Hove City Council) are seeking the views of Mental Health Support Providers in relation to the provision of Mental Health Support Services for Brighton and Hove and West Sussex, to help inform the commissioning approach for these services from 1st October 2025. The Commissioners are considering a contract period of 5 years with an option (of the commissioner) to extend for a period of up to a further 24 months (5+2), this remains subject to further review.

The current service delivers community based mental health services with an aim to provide support to promote well-being, prevent mental ill health by intervening early, and opportunities to pursue meaningful activities and avoid social isolation. These include Mental Health Hubs, Individual Placement Support, Psychosocial services targeting communities of interest, advice lines, support with debt, peer support and aligned services.

These services contribute to the wider ambition set out in Improving Lives Together, the Shared Delivery Plan (SDP) for Sussex, to "help local people to live their lives well by doing more to support [them] to stay well, [and] to look after their own health and wellbeing."

People with mental health problems are amongst our most disadvantaged populations, with those with serious mental illness (SMI) experiencing profound health inequalities.

Current services have developed over time and recommissioning offers an opportunity to take stock of what is in place and how best to transform delivery, in a way that maximises the outcomes secured for the investment and drive integrated delivery across pathways of care.

This Request For Information process is designed to help the Commissioner to form a view of the best way to commission the service and is not the beginning of a tender exercise. A tender advertisement may be issued at the appropriate time, if required, should the Commissioner consider that the optimum route to commission the service is through a competitive procurement process.

Your feedback at this point will not have a bearing on any future tender submissions you may wish to offer at a later date, should the Commissioner undertake a procurement for this service. You will not be disadvantaged if you choose not to respond to this RFI but it will be helpful to understand your views at this early stage, so you are encouraged to respond as fully as you can.

Interested providers will be able to view this opportunity via the live opportunities list on the 'Health Family' e-procurement system, Atamis. Click on 'View our Live Opportunities' from the home page, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the Request For Information (RFI) document, you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page. If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before gaining full access to the documentation and to be able to submit your response through Atamis.

Please complete your response and return via the Atamis eTendering Portal, reference: Mental Health Support Services - Brighton and Hove / West Sussex RFI - NHS Sussex ICB: C294011 by 31st July 2024 at 5pm.

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your insight.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

a) Brighton and Hove b) West Sussex

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Brighton and Hove

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove

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

Brighton and Hove provision

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

West Sussex

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

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

West Sussex provision

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

1 November 2024

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

This notice is to invite providers to participate in an information gathering exercise rather than a call for competition in its own right, and therefore publication or response does not commit the Authority or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties participating. The Authorities will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party participating in this exercise.

It is anticipated that any future procurement process for these services is likely to fall under the Health Care Services, (Provider Selection Regime) (PSR) Regulations 2023 as a 'mixed procurement'. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, (and the 'Light Touch Regime' contained therein), do not apply to these services and thus do not apply to this notice.