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Planning

## Universal Support

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

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## Section I: Contracting authority

### I.1) Name and addresses

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Martineau Lane

NORWICH

NR12DH

#### Email

[sourcingteam@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:sourcingteam@norfolk.gov.uk)

#### Country

United Kingdom

#### Region code

UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

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

Not on any register

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

Main address

<https://www.norfolk.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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Universal Support

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

In the 2023 Spring and Autumn Statements the Government introduced a package of measures (including Universal Support) to address economic activity and the barriers preventing people joining the workforce. They are centred on the principle that anyone can be employed if they want paid employment and sufficient support is provided.

Universal Support will support those out of work and those wishing to move into work as well as those at risk of disengaging from the workforce.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk

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

Phase One has seen the extension of Pioneer (delivered in Norfolk by Shaw Trust) and the introduction of pilots for Local Supported Employment (delivered by NCC Adult Social Care) and Individual Placement Support Primary Care (Working Well Norfolk (WWN) contracted to Seetec Pluss by NCC).

Phase Two is delivery of Universal Support. The first tranche of support was expected to launch in Autumn 2024 and will run through to March 2029.

To assist in the development of Universal Support DWP have worked with Local Government Association (LGA) and a select number of local authorities through a series of workshops during Autumn 2023 to help shape the provision.

A series of consultation events will be organised once announcements are made by the government to develop the model of delivery. The desire within Growth & Investment is to include a "Triage Service" in the build. This would be run by the Council and referrals would then be passed seamlessly to the right provider

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

15 August 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**

If you are interested in any future market engagement, please express an interest in the project on our procurement system. You must first be registered on the system at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/BuyerProfiles>. Once registered you will be able to see the procurement project under the 'tenders' section and 'express an interest'. If you encounter any difficulties whilst using the system you can contact the In-tend support team by phoning +44 8442728810 or e-mailing [support@in-tend.co.uk](mailto:support@in-tend.co.uk).

