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Planning

Universal Support

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04836e

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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

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

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

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

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