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Tender

## **Mental Health Pathways Support Service**

Aberdeenshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**11 November 2021, 12:00pm**

See the [change notice](#).

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

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

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<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00232](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00232)

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

**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**

Mental Health Pathways Support Service

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

The Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership requires the provision of a mental health service to promote the achievement of a mentally well and inclusive Aberdeenshire in which people who experience mental illness, personality disorder and autism are enabled to recover and achieve their personal outcomes.

The service will support those recovering from mental illness and help them to participate in ordinary mainstream social, leisure, educational, and cultural activities alongside other members of the community.

The service requires to be provided in a peer led manner, championing lived experiences to inform and support service need and development. The core service elements are:

Supporting clients to access appropriate opportunities for training, education, volunteering, and other activities aimed at supporting their recovery

Counselling Service

Joint facilitation of recovery focussed group work, and as needed 1:1 work in partnership with Community Mental Health Team members.

Early Intervention/Prevention initiatives to include an education element. This may include supporting setting up of peer support groups or condition specific groups such as autism and signposting services for community connections in the local area.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,587,366

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

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

North Aberdeenshire

Lot No

1

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM5 - North Eastern Scotland

Main site or place of performance

The service will be provided in North Aberdeenshire, which is considered to include Peterhead, Fraserburgh, Banff, Portsoy, Turriff, Mintlaw and Cruden Bay.

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

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### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £793,683

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

36

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Estimated contract value for this lot is for the initial 3 year term of the contract. An optional one year extension may be available.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Central and South Aberdeenshire

Lot No

2

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM5 - North Eastern Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Central is Ellon, Fyvie, Oldmeldrum, Inverurie, Kemnay, Huntly, Inch, Rhynie, Alford and Strathdon. South is Portlethen, Stonehaven, Banchory and Braemar and all small towns/villages in the area.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Bidders will be required to provide examples that demonstrate that they have the relevant experience to deliver the services as described. A minimum of two examples will be required.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

The tender documents on PCS-T will include a full breakdown of the tender award criteria.

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Originally published as:

Date

5 November 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

11 November 2021

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

#### Financial Assessment of Providers

1.The Council shall obtain a Creditsafe credit check and will score bidders accordingly:

71 - 100 Very Low Risk – Accept

51 - 70 Low Risk - Accept

30 - 50 Moderate Risk – subject to further discussion internally with the option to reject.

21-29 High Risk – subject to further discussion internally with the option to reject.

1-20 Very High Risk – Reject.

2. Please state current turnover (if contract value is over 50% of reported turnover, further discussion will be had internally with the option to reject).

3. If you are under no obligation to publish accounts on Companies House and/or do not have a comprehensive credit rating then provide audited financial accounts for the previous two years. Both quick and current ratios should be a minimum of 1:1.5 for the two successive years. Bidders whose ratios do not meet the minimum criteria will be rejected. Bidders who can provide audited accounts but chose not to do so shall be rejected.

4. Bidders who have been trading for less than one year and cannot provide audited accounts must submit the cash flow for the current year and a letter from the bank outlining the current cash and credit position for the current year and subsequent year. This will be subject to internal discussion with the option to reject.

5. If bidder still does not meet the financial criteria for consideration but has a parent company that does, the firm may still be eligible for consideration where their submission is supported by a parent company guarantee.

#### Insurance

It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Employer's Liability Insurance = GBP10m

Public Liability Insurance = GBP5m

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 19738.  
For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Please describe and demonstrate how you will commit to progressing towards adopting the five Fair Work First criteria for workers (including any agency or sub-contractor workers) engaged in the delivery of this contract. This should include current and planned actions that show how you will embed these practices during the lifetime of this contract. Answers should include tangible and measurable examples and should also describe how you will report on, and demonstrate progress, to the contracting authority during the lifetime of the contract.

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Aberdeen Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

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