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Notice of Intention under the Most Suitable Provider (MSP) process -Local Stop Smoking Service & Support Grant (LSSSSG) Smoking Cessation Service

Liverpool City Council

F01: Prior information notice

Call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Liverpool City Council

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Liverpool

L31DS

Contact

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Email

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD72 - Liverpool

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/>

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

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Reference number

DN775943

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Intended Approach Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this contract.

This Intended Approach Notice is being published in line with Regulation 10 - under The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime - PSR) Regulations 2023. (The Most Suitable Provider Process) is being used to commission this service.

This will be published for at least 14 calendar days as per the requirements of the Provider Selection Regime 2023.

This is to enable providers to approach the Council and express their interest in being considered as the 'most suitable provider'.

Once you have registered and accessed the Pro-Contract project reference DN775943, please send a message through the portal's messaging facility to express your interest.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,813,526

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD72 - Liverpool

Main site or place of performance

Liverpool City

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Liverpool City Council is seeking a provider via the Most Suitable Provider process under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 to enhance current stop smoking and support provision.

Description of Service and Initiative:

The Office of Health Inequalities and Disparities (OHID) has allocated funding through the Local Stop Smoking Services & Support Grant (LSSSSG) to local authorities in England for stop smoking services and support over a 5 year period. The grant supports the government's commitment to create a smoke-free generation and is specifically to enhance smoking cessation support in Liverpool and to increase the number of smokers setting a date to quit smoking.

The purpose of the LSSSSG is to deliver the government ambitions regarding a smokefree generation through supporting existing smokers to quit. The investment is to increase access to evidence-based behavioural support to quit and to provide targeted support to people more likely to smoke, to reduce health inequalities. The funding comes with increased ambitions for the numbers of people quitting smoking set by OHID.

This additional investment should not replace activity delivered as part of the core public health grant or NHS Long Term Plan. It is intended to be used by local authorities to deliver more or enhanced stop smoking support provision. The funding can support building capacity to support smokers to quit and increase referrals. from a range of settings, such as primary care or mental health services. The funding cannot be used for tobacco enforcement activity.

Liverpool City Council is seeking a suitable provider to deliver a service which achieves

these ambitions commencing in July 2025.

The provider must be able to deliver a stop smoking service in accordance with NG209 guidelines and have established links and networks to enable the service to be delivered in a fully integrated way.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,813,526

II.2.14) Additional information

Details of award decision makers:

The decision will be made as a Delegated Executive Decision by the Director of Public Health

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

The successful MSP will have to satisfy the Basic Selection Criteria and demonstrate how they meet the Key Criteria as listed within this notice.

The Council will select the MSP based on the following stages:

- 1) The Provider will have to satisfy the Basic Selection Criteria in accordance with regulation 19 of the PSR
- 2) The Council will then assess providers who satisfy the Basic Selection Criteria against the Key Criteria as set out below to determine the MSP.

The criteria are ranked in priority order:-

- a) Integration, collaboration, and service sustainability

- b) Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice value
- c) Value
- d) Quality and Innovation
- e) Social Value

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

As part of the MSP process there will be an assessment of the company's financial performance and stability based on the accounts provided and a financial risk assessment carried out by Credit Safe

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

A)

- The Provider must ensure staff delivering the behavioural support treatment programme have all competencies identified by the National Centre for Smoking Cessation Training (NCSCT) Standard Treatment Programme to deliver stop smoking interventions.
- Full NCSCT Level 2 certification
- Registration with NCSCT as certified practitioners.

B) The provider must have experience of delivering a stop smoking service in accordance with NG209 guidelines (Tobacco: preventing uptake, promoting quitting and treating dependence (NICE Guidance 209)

C) The provider must have experience of integrating services within existing provision and local pathways

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

6 June 2025

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures

13 June 2025

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel

London

Email

england.procurementpanelinfo@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

When the Council conclude their assessment of the MSP, an intention to award notice will be published. The day after said notice is published, the Council will enter into a standstill process in line with Regulation 10(7) and 12 (respectively) of The Health Regulations 2023 and observe an 8 working day standstill period, before awarding any contract. Provider will have until the 8th working day (specify date) before representations can be made.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel

London

Email

england.procurementpanelinfo@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=sITDN7CF9Ueylge0jXdO47kp0aGZXo5II1CIUdRBSnhUMUJDQ0tWN0pEUlhFNjVQTVhZMTBFWTdOSy4u>