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## **DHSC:ASC:Evaluation of the Better Care Fund**

Department of Health and Social Care

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

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

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Housing and community amenities

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

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Reference number

C103111

### **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 main aim of this project is to outline the criteria and benefits of a separately-funded, independent, external evaluation which will run in parallel alongside delivery of the expanded BCF external support programme

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

Value excluding VAT: £360,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The Better Care Fund externally commissioned support programme supports Local Systems to deliver their BCF plans by providing expert support to areas integrating health, social care and wider services, to enable more people to live well and independently at home. As well as being important to the delivery of the wider BCF programme, this also supports good practice approaches to hospital discharge and recovery services, while helping to release hospital bed capacity.

Key to the success of the BCF external support programme and evidencing its impact is separately commissioning an independent, external evaluation to run alongside delivery of

support.

The critical output from the independent evaluation is to build an evidence base to underpin the BCF external support programme and identify which aspects are working well and where improvement is needed so that the Department of Health and Social Care ('the Authority') can take appropriate action.

At a high level, the main aims of the evaluation are to support the BCF team and partner organisations to:

- Examine the effectiveness of the support programme's delivery (identifying which parts of the support programme work and which ones do not) to gain a better understanding of the impact it has
- Find out and show Evaluate how the core support programme is working and wherever possible, to help the core provider to clearly demonstrate the impact of external support in terms of measurable (including quantitative where feasible) and more intangible, qualitative benefits. This could potentially include proxy measures to show quantitative benefits that may be linked to showing where value for money has been delivered.
- Bring about continuous improvement in the design and delivery of a range of support offered to local systems (including interventions that have the potential to reduce health and care inequalities)
- Understand how the Authority can inform potential policy developments linked to external support.
- Support and enable collaboration between partners across health, social care and housing.
- Capture and feedback evaluation findings at the end of every quarter and throughout the duration of the contract (with initial findings to be provided at the end of the first quarter of evaluation delivery).
- Share good practice across systems. This could include adding rigour and an improved evidence base to outputs of the support programme that have been proven to work by the evaluation. Outputs may include case studies, toolkits, and how to guides.
- Lead work with the Authority to identify robust data collection processes that the Authority will require the core provider(s) of support services to put in place to support and enable independent evaluation in an iterative way that helps to demonstrate the effectiveness and impact of support.

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

Indicative Timelines contract start November 2023 for a period of 2 years

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

22 September 2022

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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

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

The purpose of this PIN is therefore to alert the market of our intention and give you a broad indication of the opportunities which the Authority intends to offer in order to give interested suppliers the opportunity to provide feedback as to the Authority's proposed strategy to procure these services

A Request for information (RFI) including draft specifications, and CCS registration detail can be found by logging into Atamis the Departments eSourcing tool,

To obtain further information, register your interest and respond to the market engagement activity (a request for information) please follow these steps:

1. Log in or Register through the supplier portal at <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>
2. Locate the opportunity using 'My Proposals and Quotes' or in 'Find Opportunities' C103111
3. Click Register Interest. When expressing an interest, service providers should provide:
  - (i) the contact details of the supplier's representative;
  - (ii) the requested RFI responses.

To note: any draft documents shared through this market engagement process may have some cross references which are not accurate, sections which are not fully developed, some sections which may be repetitive, some omissions and all the drafts will require further work. However, the Authority is sharing these draft documents in good faith so genuine views on how this requirement can be delivered can be sought from the market.

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