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Planning

# **NHS England South West - Co-production Coordination and Additional Specialist Trauma Counselling Capacity for Adults who have experienced Sexual Violence in Avon & Somerset**

NHS England

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

NHS England

Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Rd

London

SE1 8UG

#### **Email**

[Scwcsu.procurement@nhs.net](mailto:Scwcsu.procurement@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKI - London

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

NHS England South West - Co-production Coordination and Additional Specialist Trauma Counselling Capacity for Adults who have experienced Sexual Violence in Avon & Somerset

Reference number

C303561

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312500 - Rehabilitation services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

This notice is placed to set out NHS England South West's (the Commissioner's) intention to follow the Most Suitable Provider Process.

NHS England South West is commissioning co-production of the Avon and Somerset sexual violence support services pathway and provision of additional specialist trauma counselling for adults who have experienced sexual violence with the most complex trauma.

This provision is for the area of Avon and Somerset, to continue the work of the 'Avon and Somerset Enhanced Mental Health Pathfinder' which has been running since 2022. The intention is to move from 'proof of concept' stage to an ongoing model of delivery based on proven outcomes.

The Commissioner, is seeking a provider/s who are suitable and capable to continue the delivery of this work.

Scope: Co-production coordination

The provider will develop the pathway's embedded co-production model ensuring that service users and people with lived experience are at the heart of decision making and service delivery across the region, which will be led by experienced co-production

professional/s.

Scope: Additional specialist trauma counselling capacity

The provider will build upon existing provision in the Avon and Somerset pathway to address specific barriers to support, expand the current service offer to include specialist trauma interventions and address accessibility issues.

The services will be for people aged 18 and over.

The contract will commence on 1st April 2025.

The contract will expire on 30th September 2029.

Those delivering the services must be qualified and registered with the relevant bodies, such as the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP).

The provider must have experience of delivering services within the sexual violence support services pathway within Avon and Somerset, and have established links and networks to enable collaborative working and integrated delivery.

The Provider must be able to mobilise by the contract start date.

Services will be contracted using the latest version of the NHS Standard Contract.

This exercise is being carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner.

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

Value excluding VAT: £476,325

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 85312500 - Rehabilitation services

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

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area
- UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset

Main site or place of performance

Avon and Somerset

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

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Scope: Co-production coordination

The provider will develop the pathway's embedded co-production model ensuring that service users and people with lived experience are at the heart of decision making and service delivery across the region, which will be led by experienced co-production professional/s.

o Lead on the design, delivery and analysis of engagement, consultation and coproduction opportunities.

o Develop and deliver relevant policies, procedures, and project approaches for co-production work.

o Recruit relevant stakeholders for co-production activities (both survivors and professionals).

o Provide ongoing trauma-informed wellbeing and engagement support to survivors.

- o Facilitate inclusive spaces where all stakeholders are valued and can work together as equals.

Scope: Additional specialist trauma counselling capacity

The provider will build upon existing provision in the Avon and Somerset pathway to address specific barriers to support, expand the current service offer to include specialist trauma interventions and address accessibility issues.

- o Address specific barriers to support or access needs for clients with multiple complex needs. This may include reimbursement of transport costs or interpreter provision.

- o Expand current service offer to include specialist trauma interventions and processing such as Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing (EMDR) and Narrative Exposure Therapy (NET).

- o Identify and address accessibility for communities currently under-represented in referral demographics (linked to the work of the co-production element).

- o Waiting Well - enhance early intervention support for clients on waiting lists, with a particular focus on ensuring this support is equally accessible across all areas and service providers.

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

The Specification can be found in Atamis (see details below for access), along with a Most Suitable Provider Questionnaire which requires completion in order to express interest.

Providers who believe they are suitable to deliver these services and express an interest will be assessed against the basic selection criteria and key criteria under the Provider Selection Regime (PSR).

The basic criteria includes:

- The provider's ability to pursue a particular activity
- Economic and financial standing
- Technical and professional ability

The key criteria includes:

- Quality and innovation (25%)
- Value (5%)
- Integration, collaboration and service sustainability (30%)
- Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice (30%)
- Social value (10%)

The percentages illustrate the relative importance of these criteria associated with the delivery of these services.

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

31 October 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

Interested providers should review the Specification, found within Atamis, to determine whether they believe they are capable and suitable to deliver this service.

Interested providers will be able to view this opportunity via the live opportunities list on the 'Health Family' e-procurement system, Atamis. Click on 'View our Live Opportunities' from the home page, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the relevant information, you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page.

If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before gaining full access to the documentation.

Where deemed suitable, providers can express an interest. They must do this by submitting a response to the questionnaire (within Atamis) including organisational details, financial information and a statement as to why you believe you are a suitable provider.

Please return your questionnaire via the correspondence function within Atamis by midnight, Friday 6th September.

Award decisions will be recommended by the NHS England Health & Justice Sexual Assault and Abuse Strategy Commissioner. Award decisions will be made by the NHS England South West System Oversight & Co-ordination Leadership Team, with key decision makers being

Managing Director - System Commissioning Development, Director of Commissioning Finance, Director of Collaborative Commissioning.

The intention is to award a contract using the most suitable provider process.

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 award.