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Planning

Brighton Recovery College

Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0527e4

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Portland House, 44 Richmond Road

Worthing

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Contact

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Brighton Recovery College

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Sussex Recovery College aims to meet the diverse mental health needs of the Sussex population, including Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, and West Sussex.

Recovery Colleges aim to be accessible to everyone in the community through a co-produced educational model. This approach serves as a preventative measure for individuals at greater risk of experiencing health inequalities and marginalisation. Research indicates that Recovery Colleges can reduce community mental health contact hours, lower the number and duration of inpatient admissions, decrease crisis episodes, and lessen the associated impacts on individuals and their families (Bourne et al., 2018).

The Recovery College collaborates with service users, carers, and families to create and deliver educational programs that support well-being and the self-management of mental health. It focuses on recovery by emphasising strengths, progress, and potential. While the college follows an educational model rather than a clinical one, its programs can complement clinical treatment or therapies to enhance recovery and effectiveness.

The model is based on the principle of co-production, where subject matter experts - typically clinicians - work together with Peer Trainers, who are trained individuals with personal experience of using mental health services.

The contract is currently commissioned directly by Sussex Commissioners. It is agreed that the responsibility for ongoing commissioning is delegated to SPFT, with the intention that SPFT issue a contract to commence 1st October 2025.

The contract will be for one year, to the end of September 2026. It is intended that during the year, the Sussex Recovery College will be reviewed with the intention to procure a

new solution commencing 1st October 2026.

The contract covered by this strategy is therefore for 12 months but will include the option to extend for a further period at the discretion of the contracting authority, to allow for any delays in the redesign/procurement process. Notice will be set at 3 months.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £420,000

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

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

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II.2.14) Additional information

N/A

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 May 2025

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

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.'

Award decision makers: Deputy Director – Contracts, Chief Communications Officer, Director of Engagement and Experience, Recovery College and Peer Support Manager, Head of Mental Health Commissioning, Brighton and Hove
Intention is to award a contract using the most suitable provider process.