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Tender

Armed Forces Community Social Prescribing (AFC SPLW)

Cornwall Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=4ca4cf48-5b67-ee11-8124-005056b64545>

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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

Armed Forces Community Social Prescribing (AFC SPLW)

Reference number

DN693619

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Most personnel who join the military leave with no underlying issues and go on to further employment or retirement and what could be considered a healthy normal life. However, the type, intensity and duration of service, along with the transition from fulltime military to civilian life, has a negative effect on veterans' wellbeing. The AFC have specific health and wellbeing needs based on its demographics, activities, and occupations, which includes ex-service personnel being more likely to present with complex healthcare needs in comparison with the UK general population. This may include, but are not limited to, alcohol misuse, PTSD, common mental health disorders and many face ongoing loneliness and social isolation.

AFC specific social prescribing aims to support this population, which includes addressing barriers to seeking help and support such as stigma, where around 60% of military personnel with mental health issues do not seek help. Members of the AFC can face a number of barriers to care, which includes a reluctance of ex-service personnel to approach civilian services with a perception that civilian service providers have little understanding of military life. This can have an impact upon their help seeking behaviour and ability to access the support they need. Consequently, they prefer to talk to individuals and organisations who specialise in supporting the AFC, since they believe their needs will be better understood, e.g., veteran specific interventions have a positive impact upon overall wellbeing. Other social prescribing schemes have been found to result in improvements in reducing pressures on statutory services and improvements across a range of health domains including mental wellbeing. However, there is a clear need to improve outcome measurement across current and future social prescribing

schemes

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £270,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open 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 tenders or requests to participate

Date

9 November 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Cornwall Council

Truro

Country

United Kingdom