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Planning

SCC Contract for the Provision of Needle Exchange Supplies and Services to Pharmacies

Surrey County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Surrey County Council

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ25 - West Surrey

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.surreycc.gov.uk

Buyer's address

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

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

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

SCC Contract for the Provision of Needle Exchange Supplies and Services to Pharmacies

Reference number

DN1296

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This is a formal notification that Surrey County Council will soon be re-procuring a provider to supply Needle Exchange Equipment, predominantly for their Community Pharmacy NSP (Needle & Syringe Programme) and in addition other service providers contracted by SCC (Surrey County Council) who provide additional community based NSPs.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33140000 - Medical consumables
- 33600000 - Pharmaceutical products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ25 - West Surrey
- UKJ26 - East Surrey

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Surrey County Council currently commissions the Community Pharmacy Needle & Syringe Programme for the county, which incorporates pharmacies across the county. In addition to this SCC also commissions other community-based services that provide elements of NSP that could need equipment provision and support. The provider will also provide further additional levels of support to commissioners, pharmacists and community NSPs including training, data analysis and engagement.

These are minimum standards required in any setting and in the context of broader needle exchange specifications:

1. Provide Pronaxad and Nyxoid to services providing Naloxone
2. Provide people who inject drugs with sterile needles, syringes, sharps bins, other injecting equipment (including cookers, filters, water and acidifier) and non-injecting paraphernalia (e.g. foil) as appropriate to service user need.
3. The quantity provided should not be subject to a limit but sufficient to allow for a full set of sterile injecting equipment for every injecting event.
4. Make needles available in a range of lengths and gauges, provide syringes in a range of sizes appropriate to the individual's need and type of injecting practice.
5. Provide and promote the use of the lowest possible dead space¹ injecting equipment including:
 - fixed needle syringes
 - detachable low dead space needles with standard syringes
 - detachable standard needles with low or reduced dead space syringes

The dead space of a needle or syringe is the space where fluid, including blood, is retained after injecting. Using equipment with a lower dead space reduces the risk of transmission of blood borne viruses (BBVs) such as HIV and hepatitis C virus, if the equipment is shared.

Fixed needle syringes have the lowest dead space. However, for some injecting practices equipment with detachable needles are needed. Detachable equipment with reduced dead space is available but varies across the equipment manufacturers. Broadly there are two

types; modified needles which are used with standard syringe barrels and modified syringe barrels which are used with standard needles. Use of either of these types of equipment is likely to reduce BBV infection risk, compared to the use of standard (high dead space) equipment.

Further reading

- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, Public Health Guidance 52: Needle and Syringe Programmes, published 26 March 2014 Overview | Needle and syringe programmes | Guidance | NICE

- Gledhill R, What are the facilitators and barriers to the uptake of low dead space injecting equipment for people who inject drugs? Public Health England Knowledge & Library Services Evidence Briefing, 17 June 2021. <https://ukhsa.koha-ptfs.co.uk/cgi-bin/koha/opac-retrieve-file.pl?id=5635c75886b0003f6588aa34b093f0b4>

- Thomas C, Hickman M, Vickerman P et al. Cost-effective tools to reduce the spread of the Hepatitis C Virus in people who inject drugs. Policy Bristol Policy Report 59 June 2020. <https://www.bristol.ac.uk/policybristol/policy-briefings/tools-to-reduce-hep-c-drug-users/>

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

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial Period: 3 years

Extension: 2 years (1+1)

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

24 January 2022

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