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## **2324-0076 Mental Health Employment Service**

Islington Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03f9a1

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

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

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#### **Country**

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#### **Region code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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Buyer's address

<http://www.islington.gov.uk/>

**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=4de7dda6-257e-ee11-8125-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=4de7dda6-257e-ee11-8125-005056b64545>

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

2324-0076 Mental Health Employment Service

Reference number

DN687982

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Islington Council invites suitable expressions of interest from suppliers for the 2324-0076 Mental Health Employment Support Service contract, to provide specialist support for adult residents in Islington who experience mental health problems to obtain and maintain paid employment.

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,916,894

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

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

Islington Council and North Central London Integrated Care Board are looking to procure

a Mental Health Employment Support Service that will provide specialist support to residents who experience mental health problems in Islington to obtain and maintain paid employment.

The service will deliver tailored mental health support that is effective and provides a positive experience within an inclusive community-based setting. The service will work collaboratively with other mental health, community, and universal services to realise the vision.

The specialist Mental Health Employment Support Service will work closely in partnership with, and complement, the council's in-house adult employment service iWork, and forms part of the wider Islington Working Partnership, a network of partners who support residents into employment.

The new contract will require a successful bidder to have access to premises, based in the borough, that provides an inclusive, welcoming community atmosphere. Further details on service requirements are outlined in the Service Specification.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Service delivery model / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Service user engagement and coproduction / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Partnerships / Weighting: 15

Price - Weighting: 20

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,916,894

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract period will be for 36 months from an estimated start date 1 April 2024 with option to extend up to a further 36 months.

The estimated total value of this contract is £2,916,894 over the 72 months term of the contract. This is based on £486,149 per annum. However the Council is confident the bids received will be lower than the estimated value.

#### **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

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

Background

North Central London (NCL) Integrated Care System (ICS) has the highest prevalence of serious mental illness (SMI) compared to ICSs across London and England. Diagnosed SMI prevalence is particularly high in Camden and Islington. SMI prevalence has been increasing in recent years, and if the current trajectory continues, we expect to have just over 4,000 individuals with diagnosed SMI in Islington by 2030, an increase of over 100 individuals.

The NHS Long-Term Plan recognises that employment is a major factor in maintaining good mental health and is an important outcome of recovery for people who experience mental health problems. It stipulates the expansion of Individual Placement and Support (IPS) with the ambition to support an additional 35,000 people nationally with serious mental illnesses (SMI) by 2023/24, with a total of 55,000 people per year having access to IPS services. NHS England has provided significant additional investment to support implementation of the Long-Term Plan in meeting stretched IPS access targets by 2023/24 and beyond, across the five NCL boroughs.

Islington Council's vision is that by 2030 there is a sustainable, inclusive, and locally rooted economy in the borough. The council's commitment to promoting economic wellbeing for residents includes:

1. Empowering residents, particularly those who face the most disadvantage, to secure and retain good quality jobs that are well paid.
2. Providing targeted employment support through the Islington Working Partnership.
3. Actively promoting opportunities, such as volunteering, as a means of building skills and confidence for work.

An in-depth review of Islington mental health employment support provision was completed in March 2023. The review highlighted a number of opportunities to further develop and improve the employment support offer for residents who experience mental health problems, through redesign, collaboration and integration. Following this review, the council is now looking to commission a new contract for a mental health employment support service.

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## **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-026028](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

8 December 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**

Date

8 December 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Lots

The service will be procured without lots to ensure that the maximum interest in tendering for the service is achieved. Commissioners are confident that the service is best delivered by a single supplier rather than multiple ones.

TUPE [Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations]

Potential providers must be aware that TUPE may or may not apply to this service. Further details will be available in the invitation to tender.

There is a maximum fixed budget for this service of £2,916,894 . Any bids over this amount will be disqualified.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Islington Council

London

Country

United Kingdom