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## **Specialist Outreach Services for Neurodivergent People with Autism & Learning Disabilities'**

Cardiff Council

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

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

Cardiff Council

County Hall, Atlantic Wharf

Cardiff

CF10 4UW

#### **Email**

[Socialcare.Procurement@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:Socialcare.Procurement@cardiff.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 2920873732

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/Home/Pages/default.aspx>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0422](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0422)

**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**

Other activity

Health and Social Care

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Specialist Outreach Services for Neurodivergent People with Autism & Learning Disabilities'

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Cardiff Council and Cardiff and Vale University Health Board are currently reviewing Specialist Outreach Services and is seeking expressions of interest from the Specialist Domiciliary (Outreach) Market. Also, from organisations who are committed to promoting a service to meet the needs of neurodivergent people and can deliver this service as detailed within this notice.

This is a particular specialist service for people who identify as neurodivergent, have learning disabilities, have complex autism with care and support needs and may have behaviours that challenge.

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,696,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Main site or place of performance

Cardiff County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff, CF10 4UW

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

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learning disabilities, have complex autism with care and support needs and may have behaviours that challenge.

The purpose of the service is to provide flexible wraparound support to individuals who live at home. Targeted support would be identified via the wellbeing assessment and care plan. This service will generally be provided, between the hours of 08:00 – 21:00 7-days a week 52-weeks of the year but is expected to be flexible and dependent upon the needs of the individuals.

People will be offered opportunities to access a wide and varied range of mainstream activities in the community. This will include but not be limited to, taking part in social, educational, and training opportunities. Individual outcomes will be person centred and agreed with the Individuals and the commissioner of the services. Have confidence that their personal care and support needs will be met as prescribed within their Social Services Well-being Assessment (SSWA).

For clarity the population groups are people who have been assessed/diagnosed as neurodiverse adults with complex care and support needs and:

Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC)

Learning Disability

Some people using this service may also have a physical and or a sensory impairment. Individuals may have unique forms of communication.

The Service to each individual will be unique and varied as outlined in the Care and Support Plan. The current service is delivered to approximately 17 individuals per week for approximately 280hrs per week. It is anticipated there will be a growth in demand for this service.

This service is provided to individuals who may have very complex care and support needs therefore, robust support is to be available to these individuals to ensure that hospital admissions are prevented.

The Council will require essential elements of the service as highlighted below Including but is not limited to:

Continuity and, consistent employees to support individuals who need one-to-one or two-to-one support as identified within their SSWA.

The Outreach service will be delivered at a time that is set out and agreed within the individuals SSWA. (Times may be a critical point to be respected and met for neurodiverse adults with an ASC)

The Outreach Service will also need to have the ability to be flexible in providing support to some individuals, who need ad-hoc support on times for example:

One-off appointments

Exploring new activities / taster days / course attendance

Employees will have a full and clean driver's license

Staff will be qualified, skilled, and trained in all aspects to deliver the service

Specialist Training:

Staff will be highly skilled and trained in the knowledge and understanding of the needs of neurodiverse adults with a diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Condition, Learning Disabilities and or Mental Health Conditions.

The Provider will be signed up to and the staff skilled in the Positive Behavioural Support (PBS) model or equivalent.

A trained Positive Behavioural Support (PBS), or equivalent, Lead, depending on model used.

Staff will need to be trained in Medication Procedures

The service will ensure that neurodiverse people:

Have access to communications relevant to their identified level of need or preferred language, including Welsh.

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

6 January 2025

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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: No

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Please provide a brief outline (no more than 1 side of A4) of your experience of delivering services that include the essential elements highlighted above, to the following email address:

[Socialcareprocurement@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:Socialcareprocurement@cardiff.gov.uk)

Please note: This will not form part of any formal tender process.

This information request is purely for the Council to understand the market position and we welcome expressions of interest by the 12-noon Monday 4th November 2024.

The indicative annual value for the Outreach Services is in the region of GBP424k per annum, but this will very much depend on the hours that will be required to meet each individuals' needs. At this stage the Council is considering a 4-year contract term

To register your interest in this opportunity and to provide us with the information requested above, please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at.

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[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=144779](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=144779).

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