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## **Early Intervention in Psychosis and Complex Emotional Needs**

NHS DEVON ICB

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

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

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK4 - Devon

## **NHS Organisation Data Service**

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### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://onedevon.org.uk/>

### **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

### **I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Early Intervention in Psychosis and Complex Emotional Needs

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

- 85121270 - Psychiatrist or psychologist services

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

Services

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

This notice is to provide advance notice that NHS Devon ICB is intending to undertake a procurement exercise in relation to delivery of Early Intervention in Psychosis (EIP) and Complex Emotional Needs services for Plymouth and surrounding areas. Further details provided below.

The purpose of the PIN is to gauge market interest and identify potential service providers to help inform the most appropriate procurement approach.

Any interested parties should confirm their interest to the contact email provided: [d-icb.contracting@nhs.net](mailto:d-icb.contracting@nhs.net)

Please title the email NHS Devon EIP Procurement.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKK41 - Plymouth

Main site or place of performance

The provider will be required to have, or have access to, premises in Plymouth from which to deliver the services.

Delivery should take place across various appropriate locations to maximise the engagement of the patient and families as appropriate. The identification of premises will need to be carried out by the provider. The premises need to be supportive of the psychological and physical safety of service users, families, and practitioners. It is important the premises reflect the age range of service users who may require EIP provision.

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

The EIP service will offer a holistic, non-stigmatising environment that people can access and receive the support and intervention they require as soon as the need is identified. This will include the full range of psychological, psychosocial, pharmacological, and other interventions shown to be effective in NICE guidelines and quality standards, including support for families and carers. Effective and integrated approaches will be used to address the social, physical health and wider needs of people with psychosis to help them reach their own personal goals and aspirations.

An EIP service is a multidisciplinary community mental health service that provides treatment and support to people experiencing their first episode of/or at high risk of developing psychosis. This support typically continues for three years. The defining

characteristic of an EIP service is its strong ethos of hope and whole team commitment to enabling recovery through the provision of effective, individually tailored, evidence-based interventions and early support to service users and their families/carers based on a social inclusion and recovery approach.

The service is for those aged 14 to 65 years registered with a GP in Plymouth and surrounding areas.

It is expected that the service provider will proactively engage and jointly work with other appropriate providers and services to meet the objective of integrated service delivery with the patient needs at the centre.

This is not an exhaustive list but demonstrates the breadth of relationships required to provide an effective service:

- o education partners and SEND 0-25 teams as key partners.
- o Community Mental Health Services
- o CAMHS
- o Crisis Resolution & Home Treatment Services
- o Health Protection
- o Mental Health In-patient wards
- o Social Care Services
- o Safeguarding Services
- o Acute Health Care, including ED (Emergency Department)
- o Psychological Therapy
- o Carers and Family
- o Alcohol & Substance Misuse Services
- o Criminal Justice System
- o Police
- o Welfare Rights, Financial and Housing Service Employment Services

- o General Practitioners
- o Education
- o VCSE
- o Public Health
- o Community Pharmacy

The EIP Contract is currently also combined with a Complex Emotional Needs Service and it is anticipated that this will remain the case.

This service exists as part of an intended integrated approach across health, social care, education and the voluntary sector in Plymouth. It aims to offer a range of evidence based services for 16-25 year olds experiencing significant emotional and psychological distress: characteristics of complex emotional needs that could lead to an emerging personality disorder into the future. For this target group the service will aim to reduce suicidality and reduce levels of self-harm.

The service model emphasises ease of access and early intervention with the service embedded with local youth agencies at street level collaborating with adult mental health, CAMHS and other agreed agencies such as housing and sexual health services. This ensures delivery of seamless and age appropriate care and interventions.

The service is part of Plymouth's developing continuum of provision for those experiencing emotional and psychological distress and will link with other commissioned services as part of the overall provision in the city, and will collect and share data consistent with these other agencies.

The total contract value covering both services is under review but anticipated at approximately £935,000 per annum.

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

Any interested parties are asked to contact the email address provided by 11/11/2024 at the latest to confirm.

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

31 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**

As indicated in the service information provided, these services will require a high level of integration with other relevant NHS and contracted providers in the Plymouth area. As such any future procurement approach will apply significant weighting to the key criteria of integration, collaboration and service sustainability.