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Planning

Closing the Gap 2 - Market Engagement Nov 24

Reading Borough Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Reading Borough Council

Civic Offices

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Region code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.reading.gov.uk

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

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85320000 - Social services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Closing the Gap (CTG) is a contract opportunity for providers to deliver preventative community-based services.

The current contracts are due to end on 31st October 2025, and we plan to re-procure early 2025 to start the new contracts on the 1st November 2025.

Engaging with providers is a key part of developing what Closing the Gap 2 will look like. As such, we are holding an engagement session to gather views, with more sessions to take place over the coming months.

Our next engagement session will take place as part of Reading Voluntary Action's (RVA) Voluntary Care Sector Assembly:

o 9:45am - 12:45pm, Victoria Hall, Reading Town Hall, Blagrove Street Reading RG1 1QH.

o Prospective providers are invited to help shape the offer to meet local needs and find potential partners.

o Book on Eventbrite: Reading VCS Assembly - Making the case for prevention Tickets, Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 9:45 AM | Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reading-vcs-assembly-making-the-case-for-prevention-tickets-1036646316037?aff=oddtcreator>

For Closing the Gap 2, the contract outcome areas below have been identified, but to note

these are high-level, indicative, and subject to change. We still have a way to go, such as being approved via the Council's governance channels.

They have been shaped by learning from the current Closing the Gap services, a Needs Analysis, feedback from stakeholders, a working group of cross-council colleagues and external stakeholders and consultations with funding stakeholders regarding alignment to funding outcome requirements.

Proposed contract outcome areas:

- Carers' Information & Advice Service,
- VCS Infrastructure Support,
- Ageing Well,
- Women's Wellbeing,
- Mental Health,
- Support with building resilience, independence, and wellbeing within diverse communities,
- Learning Disabilities & Autism,
- Supporting people to get out and stay out of poverty,
- Refugee Support,
- Young People's Mental Health,
- Men's Mental Health,
- Sensory Needs,
- LGBTQ+,
- HIV Support.

PIN expires 18.11.24

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85320000 - Social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Within Reading borough boundary

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To be confirmed

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 April 2025

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