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Planning

Provision of an Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health Service

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of an Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health Service

Reference number

712345451

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121270 - Psychiatrist or psychologist services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Prior Information Notice is to alert the market that the Authority shall have a requirement for the provision of occupationally focused high-quality mental health service to service personnel and entitled eligible civilians deemed to require an inpatient assessment, or a period of stabilisation and treatment (and in some cases (

Within the contract the Authority will request outpatient psychotherapy services, of largely high intensity therapy, averaging a rolling 90 (annual total of no more than 416 referrals) new referrals for National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) approved psychotherapy for all Defence Community Mental Health and Defence mental health staff and other identified personnel. These are expected to reduce from year 2 of the contract by 30 referrals per annum.

In addition, an online CBT provision to provide access to digital cognitive behavioural therapy (incorporating but not limited to the core provision of CBTi for Anxiety and CBTi for Depression) to meet the needs of a population of 5,000 Armed Forces members per annum for whom digital CBT will be a step 2 option within their care pathway via GP referral, will be required. Each patient from this total population who chooses to engage with CBTi following GP referral will be given 12 weeks access as a minimum. This initial access does not exclude them from re-accessing this option again in the same 12-month period should that need arise.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £12,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85110000 - Hospital and related services
- 85121200 - Medical specialist services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Inpatient service

The Authority has a requirement for the provision of high quality occupationally focused care for SP and entitled civilians deemed to require inpatient assessment, stabilisation and treatment. The Contractor will provide a nominated bed within 4 hours of a request as

close as possible to the patient’s Department of Community Mental Health or where clinically indicated their home. Refer Annex A of attached draft Statement of Requirement for delivery locations.

An initial admission would be for up to 10 days, with further bed days being requested as clinically appropriate. The 10 day stay/admission is for stabilisation and treatment of personnel and management of risk with the individual then being discharged back to the care of the General Practitioner (GP), Medical Officer (MO) and DCMH. For eligible civilians, the admission would be for 10 days only, and any care required after the initial 10 days will be the responsibility of the NHS, arranged by the provider.

Outpatient service

To support community mental healthcare, Defence also contracts an Outpatient Psychotherapy Service (OPS) delivered via remote video consultation of a rolling 120 psychotherapy referral sessions per annum.

OPS will comprise of evidence based psychologically informed interventions for a range of presentations (as listed in SOR), which will be up to and including stepped care levels 3/4a in complexity.

Online CBT

Access to digital CBT for common mental disorders (incorporating but not limited to the core provision of CBTi for Anxiety and CBTi for Depression) for a 12-month period for up to 5,000 users per annum (UK and overseas)

II.2.14) Additional information

As part of the Tender process, the Authority shall visit the Tenderer's premises (at time to be agreed between the Authority and the Tenderer) for the purposes of assessment/evaluation of the facilities. If this is not possible then a live virtual tour shall be required.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

3 July 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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This Prior Information Notice relates to the RFI: Provision of Mental Health Services to MoD (2026) published on 26th July 2024 via Contracts Finder (https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/74efefb2-8cb3-41d2-a3f7-a88076273d64)