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## **Provision of an Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health Service**

Ministry of Defence

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

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#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

[www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk)

### **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

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## **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

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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**

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>)