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Contract

## **FEW1473 - HIV Community Peer Support Service**

Leicester City Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-056a58

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

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

Leicester City Council

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKF21 - Leicester

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk>

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

FEW1473 - HIV Community Peer Support Service

Reference number

DN756671

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

- 85323000 - Community health services

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

Services

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

The provision of this service will involve one to one support from people with lived experience of HIV for those newly diagnosed through the hospital ED. The support will be person centred and therefore take a different form for every individual, but broadly, it will help people to feel empowered to understand and take ownership of their diagnosis, engage and remain in treatment and tackle stigma. National HIV treatment guidelines recommend a peer support model as the gold standard for those living with HIV.

The service will be funded by national funding from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and NHS England via the Integrated Care Board for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £75,980

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKF21 - Leicester

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

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The service will be funded by national funding from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and NHS England via the Integrated Care Board for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

This notice is to notify the market that Leicester City Council ('the Authority') is intending to award this contract to following The Most Suitable Provider process under NHS Provider Selection Regime 2023

The approximate lifetime value of this contract is £75,980.

This is a new service that is being awarded to an existing provider that is currently being subcontracted via the Authority's Sexual Health Service. The anticipated commencement date is 28th August 2025 and the initial contract will be for 12 months until 27th August 2026.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Most Suitable Provider process with regard to the Key Criteria / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by 13/08/2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

9 July 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Trade Sexual Health

Floor 2, 27 Bowling Green Street, Leicester

Leicester

LE1 6AS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF21 - Leicester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £75,980

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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Any written representations can be sent to [liane.pereira@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:liane.pereira@leicester.gov.uk)

The decision makers for this award are the Authority's Commissioner and internal evaluators for this service.

Conflicts of interest identified among the Public Health Consultant, Lead Commissioner, Contract Manager and other evaluators: 0. No conflicts or potential conflicts have been declared.

The relative importance of the key criteria were based on the relevant criteria and principles outlined in the national standards laid out by the British HIV association and the national standards for Peer Support by AIDs UK. Including: The LLR HIV Peer Support Service would adhere to the overarching principles of care set out in the BHIVA standards of care document. These are:

1. People living with HIV should be at the centre of their own care, and have meaningful involvement in the development and delivery of services.
2. There must be equality of access and equity of provision of health and social care regardless of age, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, religion, health literacy, residency or immigration status. HIV is a stigmatised and socially complex diagnosis that disproportionately affects more marginalised groups. Therefore it is vital that all those living with HIV are provided with equitable and non-discriminatory care
3. All patient related information whether clinical, pseudo-anonymised or anonymised must be held securely and confidentially in accordance with information governance standards and legislation. People living with HIV should expect that only data necessary for surveillance, designing or monitoring of care will be collected. In addition, the concept of equity and ability to create a service suitable for people of all gender identities, ethnicities and sexualities was vital and Trade are experienced at this.

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Construction and Technology Court (Queens Bench Division) (Branch of High Court of Justice)

Priory Courts, 33 Bull Street

Birmingham

B4 6DS

Country

United Kingdom