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Planning

Stockton & Hartlepool Employment Connections - Individual Placement Support (SHEC IPS)

Stockton on Tees Borough Council
Hartlepool Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

OPEN20251433

Description

Individual Placement Support (IPS) is a 'work first' intervention which is:

- Highly personalised
- Features significant employer engagement
- Offers pre-employment support
- Offers in-work support

IPS supports people in recovery for substances (including alcohol) to find paid

employment that matches their personal goals, helping them to find the right job for them.

This not only helps them into work but also contributes positively to their recovery journey.

The service is commissioned by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) on behalf of SBC and Hartlepool Borough Council.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85100000 - Health services

Contract locations

- UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 August 2025

Engagement process description

Suppliers are to confirm if they are interested in this project. A questionnaire for suppliers to confirm their interest has been published on the OPEN portal : <https://open-uk.org/opportunities/overview/public/728c26c5-16c6-414a-b3b8-feb2d28e4081>

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 November 2025

Contracting authorities

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Contact Stockton on Tees Borough Council for any enquiries.