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Planning

Management Provider For Public Health Services Delivered In Community Pharmacy Across Sunderland

Sunderland City Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-055485

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0597c8

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Sunderland City Council

City Hall, Plater Way,

Sunderland

SR13AA

Contact

Joanne Leask

Email

joanne.leask@sunderland.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC23 - Sunderland

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.sunderland.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**

Management Provider For Public Health Services Delivered In Community Pharmacy Across Sunderland

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

For avoidance of doubt this Prior Information Notices supersedes and replaces the first PIN notice which was published for the Management Provider for Public Health Services Delivered In Community Pharmacy Across Sunderland (F01: Prior information notice - Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-036573 published on 1st July 2025).

The Council of the City of Sunderland is seeking to appoint a Management Provider for Public Health Services Delivered in Community Pharmacy Across Sunderland ("the Service") for an initial period of two years, with an option for the Council to thereafter extend the contract (at its absolute discretion) for a further period(s) of up to a total maximum extension period of two years, under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 ("PSR").

The Council intends to use the Most Suitable Provider Process under Regulation 10 of the PSR for the award of the proposed Contract for the Service.

This is a Notice of the Intention to follow the Most Suitable Provider Process pursuant to Regulation 10(2) of the PSR.

The procurement and award of the proposed contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this proposed contract.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,519,200

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC23 - Sunderland

Main site or place of performance

Boundaries of the City of Sunderland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council of the City of Sunderland is seeking to appoint a Management Provider for Public Health Services Delivered in Community Pharmacy Across Sunderland to manage Public Health Services within Community Pharmacies in Sunderland. The Service will include (without limitation):

- Stop Smoking Service.
- Community Pharmacy Nicotine Replacement Therapy Voucher Scheme.
- Community Pharmacy Sexual Health Services (including Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC), provision of chlamydia and gonorrhoea screening kits, and registration of service users and distribution of condoms via the local C Card Scheme).

This is a new Service which is estimated to commence on 1 December 2025 for an initial contract period of two years, with option(s) to extend thereafter by the Council (at its absolute discretion) for a further period(s) of up to a total maximum extension period of two years.

II.2.14) Additional information

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The Council intends to follow the Most Suitable Provider Process under Regulation 10 of the PSR in respect of the award of the proposed contract.

In line with the Regulation 10 (5) the Notice of Intention will remain open until 23:59 on Wednesday, 24th September 2025. Where a provider wishes to express an interest, the provider should submit their EOI to Joanne Leask, Senior Category Manager (email: joanne.leask@sunderland.gov.uk) prior to this date and time.

The Council reserves the right to not award any contract and/or to abandon the process at any time. The Council shall not be liable in any circumstances to any party for any costs, expenses and/or other losses in connection with this process.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

3 November 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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 ("PSR") - Intended Approach Notice. The procurement and award of this proposed contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

For avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this procurement process.

Details of the award decision-makers: Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities.