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## **Lived Experience Recovery Service (LERS)**

Portsmouth City Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

Portsmouth City Council

Civic Offices, Guildhall Square

Portsmouth

PO12AL

#### **Contact**

Procurement Service

#### **Email**

[phcontracts@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:phcontracts@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ31 - Portsmouth

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.portsmouth.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

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Lived Experience Recovery Service (LERS)

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312500 - Rehabilitation services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Portsmouth City Council ('the Council') is inviting expressions of interest from suitably qualified lived experience recovery organisations for the provision of a Lived Experience Recovery Service.

The Council wishes to award a contract via the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulation 2023, Most Suitable Provider Process.

This notice is to enable providers to approach the Council and express their interest in being considered as the most suitable provider. Expressions of interest should be sent via email to [phcontracts@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:phcontracts@portsmouthcc.gov.uk). This will be published for 14 days as per the requirements of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulation 2023.

The Council is envisaging awarding on 30/12/2025 with a contract commencing on on 1st April 2026. The contract term will be for 2 months and 3 years, which includes a mobilisation period of 2 months, and the possibility to extend for a further 3 years.

The lifetime value of the contract is £1,815,900, including any possible extension.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,815,900

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ31 - Portsmouth

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

We are procuring an independent lived experience recovery service to promote and provide lived experience involvement, and co-production, throughout our drug and alcohol treatment system. The Service will provide both harm reduction and recovery support. They will be trauma informed, evidence-based and tailored to meet the needs of individuals and communities in order to empower people to lead drug / alcohol free lives, where possible. The service will deliver independent advocacy, peer mentoring, peer support groups, recovery check-ins and training and support for volunteers.

The provider will work closely with our main drug and alcohol treatment provider to co-deliver some specific service provision, such as Project W, our women only service.

The service will be a key delivery partner in making Portsmouth an Inclusive Recovery City.

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

30 December 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 is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intended approach 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 or the Procurement Act Regulations 2023 do not apply to this award. The intention is to award a contract using the most suitable provider process.

The Award decision makers will be commissioners of the Public Health Directorate from Portsmouth City Council with a lived experience representation as part of the evaluation panel.