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Award

Bath and North East Somerset ASC Step Up and Step Down Services

Bath & North East Somerset Council

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Scope

Reference

DN780122

Description

Bath & North East Somerset intends to award a single provider Contract for the provision of Adult Social Care Step Up and Step Down Services. The procurement is run in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023, Light Touch Regime (LTR) above-threshold, one stage tender.

The Step-up and Step-Down (SUSD) Accommodation Service will provide accessible short-term accommodation (6 units in total) and the associated wellbeing, financial and housing related support, working alongside the Local Authority as care provider, to enable enhanced care and support to individuals before returning home from hospital, and crisis response to enable admission avoidance.

The SUSD Service will provide an easily accessible front door via the Community Wellbeing hub referral process and meet the needs of individuals across the geographical

area of B&NES. It will actively engage with health, care and other third sector providers, promoting its services, ensuring that providers are aware of services offered. The service provider will be an active member of the Community Wellbeing Hub and similar local partnerships, to support cross working, referrals and information sharing.

The service will be working with a variety of individuals who have experienced medical treatment, or a hospital stay and will be vulnerable and potentially nervous about returning into the community and/or to a different place of residence. The provider will need to understand the complexities of individuals with health and/or social care needs to deliver support in a sensitive way considering individual needs.

Contract 1

Supplier

- CURO CHOICE

Contract value

- £1,208,256 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

11 September 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

17 September 2025

Standstill period

- End: 26 September 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2030
- Possible extension to 31 December 2032
- 7 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract is for an initial 5-year term, with an optional 2-year extension, subject to performance review and budget approval.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

Contract locations

- UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Information about tenders

- 3 tenders received
- 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Supplier

CURO CHOICE

- Companies House: IP24208R
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXGJ-2367-LMTM

The Maltings, River Place, Lower Bristol Road

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Website: <http://www.curo-group.co.uk/>

Region: UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Bath & North East Somerset Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLVH-3287-JWJV

The Guildhall

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Region: UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government