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## Public Mental Wellbeing Programme

Blackburn With Darwen Borough Council

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## Scope

## Reference

DN778418

## Description

Public Mental Wellbeing Programme - Lot 1: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Training and Engagement; Lot 2: Men's Mental Wellbeing Service; Lot 3: Community Bereavement Support Service for Adults and Children and Young People.

The mental health of the residents of Blackburn with Darwen has a significant impact on it as a place. Having good mental health and wellbeing allows individuals to be prosperous, to contribute to the economy, to play a part in their communities and ultimately to be happier and healthier. It is associated with a range of better outcomes for people of all ages and backgrounds. Improving mental health and wellbeing is a key priority for all the health and care organisations in the borough. For Lot 1, the overall aim of this service is to reduce stigma and improve knowledge and understanding around mental health, mental wellbeing and suicide prevention across Blackburn with Darwen, using training and learning as a mechanism to do this. For Lot 2, the overall aim of this service is to empower men across the life course to lead healthier, more resilient lives enabling them

to contribute meaningfully to stronger families, workplaces and communities in Blackburn with Darwen, through engagement in hyper local activities

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## **Lot 1. Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Training and Engagement;**

### **Description**

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## **Lot 2. Men's Mental Wellbeing Service**

### **Description**

The overall aim of this service is to empower men across the life course to lead healthier, more resilient lives enabling them to contribute meaningfully to stronger families, workplaces and communities in Blackburn with Darwen, through engagement in hyper local activities.

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## **Contract 1. Lot 1: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Training**

## **and Engagement**

### **Lots**

Lot 1. Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Training and Engagement;

### **Supplier**

- SPRING NORTH LTD

### **Contract value**

- £270,000 excluding VAT
- £324,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

12 September 2025

### **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

17 September 2025

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

30 September 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 6 months

Description of possible extension:

30 months, with options to extend +12 months, +12 months

(54 months total)

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 85100000 - Health services

## **Contract locations**

- UKD41 - Blackburn with Darwen

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## **Contract 2. Lot 2: Men's Mental Wellbeing Service**

### **Lots**

Lot 2. Men's Mental Wellbeing Service

## **Supplier**

- RUGBY LEAGUE CARES

## **Contract value**

- £360,000 excluding VAT
- £432,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Award decision date**

12 September 2025

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## **Information about tenders**

### **Lot 1. Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Training and Engagement;**

- 13 tenders received
  - 11 tenders assessed in the final stage:
    - 7 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
    - 3 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
  - 1 supplier awarded contracts
  - 10 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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### **Lot 2. Men's Mental Wellbeing Service**

- 13 tenders received
  - 13 tenders assessed in the final stage:
    - 8 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
    - 4 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
  - 1 supplier awarded contracts
  - 12 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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## **Lots that will not be awarded**

### **Lot 3. Community Bereavement Support Service for Adults and Children and Young People**

#### **Description**

The overall aim of this service is to provide low level emotional and practical support to individuals who have been bereaved, reducing stigma, supporting them to grieve and preventing the escalation of distress by offering early intervention. The service would provide a range of support options to address the social, emotional, and practical needs of people who have been bereaved.

#### **CPV classifications**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **Date of decision not to award**

12 September 2025

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

### Special regime

Light touch

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## Suppliers

### RUGBY LEAGUE CARES

- Companies House: 08172940
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXCH-3175-MXHN

University Of Huddersfield

Huddersfield

HD1 3DH

United Kingdom

Email: [info@rlcares.org.uk](mailto:info@rlcares.org.uk)

Website: <https://rugbyleaguecares.org/>



Region: UKE44 - Calderdale and Kirklees

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **SPRING NORTH LTD**

- Companies House: 07797133
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVQW-1686-HLPL

1 Exchange Street Exchange Street

Blackburn

BB1 7JN

United Kingdom

Email: [mhartleysmith@springnorth.org.uk](mailto:mhartleysmith@springnorth.org.uk)

Website: <http://www.springnorth.org.uk>

Region: UKD41 - Blackburn with Darwen

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## Contracting authority

### **Blackburn With Darwen Borough Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYGR-1856-CVXM

Town Hall, King William Street

Blackburn

BB1 7DY

United Kingdom

Email: [procurement@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@blackburn.gov.uk)

Website: <http://www.blackburn.gov.uk>

Region: UKD41 - Blackburn with Darwen

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government