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Planning

3 Lots- Adult Mental Health & LD - Welfare Advice, Rainbow Connectors, Community Advocacy

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

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Scope

Reference

ABU-FTS-60965

Description

This notice is to provide information on the engagement already carried out by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, prior to start the procurement in January 2026 for the 3 Lot services;

Lot 1- Rainbow Connectors

Lot 2- Community Advocacy

Lot 3- Welfare Advice

The commissioning team and voluntary sector partnership team already undertook significant engagement, making sure to give all stakeholders and interested parties the

opportunity to have their say and to contribute toward service outcomes and service qualities that will underpin future commissioning activities.

The team organised workshops led by expert facilitators held bespoke forums and meetings including meetings with colleagues across the Division who have interests in the services and how they are run as many colleagues will refer citizens into these services.

Timeline: November 2024 – Present

Reach & Participation: 350+ registrations across workshops and focus groups,

1500+ recipients reached via inclusive email outreach

Stakeholders included: lived experience representatives, VCSEs, health/social care partners, carers, and families

A wide range of engagement methods were employed when communicating and meeting with stakeholders, including the following:

- Email communications and written communications
- Verbal communication
- Community Groups
- Co-design workshops
- Webinars
- Targeted focus groups
- Smaller meetings with providers or potential providers
- Professional insight sessions (OT, Psychology, LD, AMH)
- Continuous feedback loops
- Meetings with Divisional colleagues to gain feedback and insight into current service provision and any gaps / opportunities for expansion, diversification or change.
- Visual minutes were prepared for two of the workshops.

Given the delay in our intentions to recommission by way of an Alliance Commissioning Model, we are recommission these 3 Lots on a 1+1+1 basis, to allow us time to reflect,

refine our approach, and ensure the model is fit for purpose across our system.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,155,000 excluding VAT
- £1,386,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 27 April 2026 to 27 April 2027
- Possible extension to 27 April 2029
- 3 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKL - Wales
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 May 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

The commissioning team and voluntary sector partnership team undertook significant engagement, making sure to give all stakeholders and interested parties the opportunity to have their say and to contribute toward service outcomes and service qualities that will underpin future commissioning activities.

The team organised workshops led by expert facilitators who specialise in alliance commissioning, held bespoke forums and meetings including meetings with colleagues across the Division who have interests in the services and how they are run as many colleagues will refer citizens into these services.

The expert group attended a total of 109 individuals over 10 community visits, connecting with people all across Gwent, including people living with or supporting people living with dementia, mental health conditions, learning disabilities and neurodivergence. Some of the visits also included current service providers.

Below is a summary of engagement activity undertaken between November 2024 to the present date:

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Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

12 January 2026

Contracting authority

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

- NHS Organisation Data Service: 7A6

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Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement

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