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Tender

DHSC: OHID: Individual Placement and Support (IPS) technical and implementation support, fidelity reviews, and training.

Department of Health & Social Care

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Scope

Reference

C395516

Description

A preliminary market engagement was held in October 2025 to share the draft specifications, proposed procurement approach, draft contract, and timetable, and to invite feedback from potential bidders.

The Department of Health and Social Care is seeking to commission an external partner to deliver the Provision of Lot 1 Individual Placement and Support (IPS) technical and implementation support, fidelity reviews, and Lot 2 Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Accredited training . For the next 3 financial years 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29.

The intention is to commission, in two lots but as part of one exercise:

Lot 1: A package of implementation and technical support for IPS teams that are newly mobilising or recently established, and approximately 135 IPS fidelity reviews or guided self-assessments (45 per year)

Lot 2: Approximately 60 training places for accredited qualifications (at least 16 per year).

This is in line with the commitment set out in the 2021 UK Drug Strategy and will bring IPS in community drug and alcohol treatment in line with IPS in secondary mental health services. Expanding access to IPS for drug and alcohol dependence is also a commitment of the 10 year plan for the NHS.

Key objectives:

Objectives are:

- Supporting recently mobilised sites to work up to high effectiveness.
- Supporting all sites to exceed OHID performance benchmarks and for at least 15 of sites to meet the standards of the IPS Grow Quality Mark.
- All sites that have been identified for IPS fidelity reviews to attain 'good fidelity' (100 points or over) by the end of the contract.

Total value (estimated)

- £3,212,162 excluding VAT
- £3,854,594.40 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79900000 - Miscellaneous business and business-related services
- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services
- 85100000 - Health services

Contract locations

- UKI3 - Inner London - West
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Lot 1. Suppliers tender submission Lot 1

Description

Lot 1: Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Technical Support fidelity reviews. A package of implementation and technical support for IPS teams that are newly mobilising or recently established. We require at least 15 Fidelity Reviews and 30 Guided Self-Assessments to be completed per year.

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,979,113 excluding VAT
- £3,574,935.60 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot Lot 2. Suppliers tender submission Lot 2

Description

Lot 2 Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Accredited Training. At least 16 training places for accredited qualifications per year.

Lot value (estimated)

- £233,049 excluding VAT
- £279,658.80 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Lot 1. Suppliers tender submission Lot 1

Lot Lot 2. Suppliers tender submission Lot 2

Financial

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Particular suitability

Lot 1. Suppliers tender submission Lot 1

Lot Lot 2. Suppliers tender submission Lot 2

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

Submission

Tender submission deadline

17 December 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tender must be submitted via esourcing portal Atamis.

The opportunity will be available on the Health Family Atamis eTendering System. You must be registered to have full access to all documents. Select this link to access and register your organisation to the Atamis system <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>, if you have not already done so. Registration is free of charge. You can search for the project by using the contract reference.

Once you have found the Opportunity, press the 'Register Interest' button to register your interest. This will make the project to appear on 'My proposals and quotes'. From there you can review documents, send clarification messages, submit the response, or decline to respond, if you decide not to participate in the opportunity. For full details on the instruction to tender and terms of participations please refer to the Invitation to Tender document.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

2 February 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 3 July 2028

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
DHSC: OHID: IPS Technical Support and fidelity reviews 26/27	Quality Evaluation 100% - an evaluation of the responses to the award questionnaire (Technical Envelope including Social Value question). PQP Assessment - a price per quality point evaluation. This evaluation is to determine the best value for money by considering both the price and the quality of the bid. The price per quality evaluation assesses the value for money of a service by considering its price in relation to its quality. The lower the price per quality evaluation, the better the value for money it offers. Tenderers' pricing will not be compared against each other directly but will be assessed based on their achieved quality weighting.	Quality	100.00%

Other information

Payment terms

Payment will be made for the cost of the services quarterly in arrears

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Department of Health & Social Care

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMQG-9965-CHZR

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government