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Contract

## **Darlington Health Squad**

Darlington Borough Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-078435

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05ebd2

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Darlington Borough Council

Town Hall, Feethams

Darlington

DL15QT

### **Contact**

Michael Howlett

### **Email**

[michael.howlett@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:michael.howlett@darlington.gov.uk)

### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **Region code**

UKC13 - Darlington

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.darlington.gov.uk/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Darlington Health Squad

Reference number

PB2025-00142

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This notice is an intention to award the contract under the Provider Selection Regime - Most Suitable Provider process.

The Darlington Health Squad Service is based on a proven outreach-first model established in County Durham to tackle health inequalities and improve population health and wellbeing. Delivered in partnership between the NHS and voluntary sector, the Health Squad adopts a community development approach and provides an offer of holistic health assessments, delivery of health interventions, health care system navigation and advocacy. Addressing immediate health needs, longer-term engagement with healthcare when needed, and support to address the wider determinants of health.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £522,289

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC13 - Darlington

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

This notice is an intention to award the contract under the Provider Selection Regime - Most Suitable Provider process.

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: most suitable provider process with regard to the key criteria / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

If the Authority wishes to extend this Contract, it shall give the Provider written notice of such intention before the expiry date.

Option to extend 2 x 12 months

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award 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 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by 11th December 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

PB2025-00142

### **Title**

Darlington Health Squad

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

20 October 2025

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust

Hollyhurst Road

Darlington

DL3 6HX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC13 - Darlington

NHS Organisation Data Service

RXP

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £505,611

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

This contract has been awarded under the urgent circumstances provision of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR). This contract has been awarded under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by the 11th December 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice services as an intention to award under the PSR.

Decision-makers:

Lorraine Hughes - Director of Public Health

Abbie Kelly - Public Health Portfolio Lead

Conflicts of interest:

1 potential/perceived Conflict of Interest recorded for/by Lorraine Hughes.

This has been recorded, and non-conflicted members of the project group have assessed the nature of this conflict and have determined that there is no risk or impact on this process, and that no further mitigating actions are required.

CDDFT currently provide a Durham Health Squad across three localities of County Durham, adding to the offer Darlington would become the fourth locality. The Health Squad is based on a proven outreach first model established in County Durham to tackle health inequalities and improve population health and wellbeing. The Health Squad will provide intensive outreach, engagement, health assessment, and support for people at greatest risk of poor health and wellbeing outcomes and experiencing health inequalities due to social exclusion, multiple disadvantage, or systemic barriers to accessing healthcare.

Criteria included: evidence based outcomes from County Durham and potential impact that the team could have in Darlington to tackle health inequalities and improve population health and well being.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Darlington Borough Council

Town Hall

Darlington

DL1 5 QT

Country

United Kingdom