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Tender

Stockton & Hartlepool Employment Connections - Individual Placement Support (SHEC IPS)

Stockton on Tees Borough Council
Hartlepool Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

OPEN20251433

Description

Individual Placement Support (IPS) is a 'work first' intervention which is:

- Highly personalised
- Features significant employer engagement
- Offers pre-employment support
- Offers in-work support

IPS supports people in recovery for substances (including alcohol) to find paid employment that matches their personal goals, helping them to find the right job for them.

This not only helps them into work but also contributes positively to their recovery journey.

The service is commissioned by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) on behalf of SBC and Hartlepool Borough Council.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,220,665 excluding VAT
- £1,220,665 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Extensions are optional and are also subject to the contracting authority receiving funding from OHID. The contract term is 12 +12 + 12 +12 + 12

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85100000 - Health services
- 85312500 - Rehabilitation services

Contract locations

- UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees
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Participation

Particular suitability

Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Tender submission deadline

5 January 2026, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.open-uk.org>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

13 February 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 November 2030

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Delivering the Service Model and Outcomes	Quality	25%
Outreach and Partnership Working	Quality	25%
Service Integration and Mobilisation	Quality	20%
4 Identifying and Responding to Need	Quality	10%
Service Management and Workforce	Quality	10%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authorities

Stockton on Tees Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCVQ-6435-GNMW

Dunedin House, Columbia Drive, Thornaby

Stockton on Tees

TS17 6BJ

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Email: corporateprocurement@stockton.gov.uk

Region: UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Hartlepool Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTCQ-5564-CHJP

Civic Centre, Victoria Road

Hartlepool

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Email: procurement@hartlepool.gov.uk

Region: UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Contact organisation

Contact Stockton on Tees Borough Council for any enquiries.