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Contract

## **Lived Experience Recovery Service (LERS)**

Portsmouth City Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-082985

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05f5f1

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Portsmouth City Council

Civic Offices, Guildhall Square

Portsmouth

PO12AL

#### **Email**

[cscplacementteam@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:cscplacementteam@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ31 - Portsmouth

#### **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Lived Experience Recovery Service (LERS)

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

- 85312500 - Rehabilitation services

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

Services

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

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 or Procurement Act Regulations 2023 do not apply to this award.

The intention is to award this contract under the most suitable provider process. The contract is for the provision of Lived Experience Recovery services from 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2029, with the option to extend for a further 3 years.

#### **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: £1,707,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ31 - Portsmouth

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

This notice is an intention to award a contract under the most suitable provider process for

the provision of lived experience recovery services. This is an existing service awarded to an existing provider, Intuitive Thinking Skills.

The aim of the service is to promote and provide lived experience involvement, and co-production, throughout our drug and alcohol treatment system. The Service will provide both harm reduction and recovery support. It will deliver independent advocacy, peer mentoring, peer support groups, recovery check-ins and training and support for volunteers. The service will be a key delivery partner in making Portsmouth an Inclusive Recovery City.

The lifetime value of the contract is £1,707,000. The services are to be provided from 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2029, with the option to extend for a further 3 years.

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

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

Cost criterion - Name: Most suitable provider process with regard to the key criteria / Weighting / Weighting: 0

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

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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:

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This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

The Award decision makers are commissioners of the Public Health Directorate from Portsmouth City Council, with a lived experience representation as part of the evaluation panel. Declared and potential conflicts of interest were assessed and none were identified.

The Key Criteria were weighted as stated below:

- 1) Quality and innovation 25%
- 2) Value 10%
- 3) Integration, collaboration and service sustainability 30%
- 4) Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice 25%
- 5) Social value 10%

The provider identified as the Most Suitable Provider demonstrated that they satisfy the above Key Criteria and provided assurance to the decision makers of their skills, knowledge and experience to deliver the service.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

15 December 2025

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

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

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

INTUITIVE THINKING SKILLS LTD

Think Tank House

457 Chester Road, Trafford, Manchester

m16 9ha

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

05204890

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,707,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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

Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel

London

SE1 8UG

Country

United Kingdom