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Planning

DHSC:PCP: Trauma Support Service for the Local Review Maternity Units -LEEDS

Department of Health & Social Care

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Scope

Reference

C408287

Description

The Department of Health and Social Care seeks to commission an external partner with to deliver emotional and psychological support to Leeds families involved in the independent inquiry into maternity and neonatal services at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (LHTT or "Leeds").

This will be integral to the inquiry to ensure individuals engage safely and limit the risks of developing psychological injuries.

The Supplier shall provide emotional and psychological support to all families whose cases are being reviewed as part of the Leeds inquiry. Anyone within the family should be able to access the service, including parents/partners, siblings, and extended family. It is desirable that the appointed supplier possesses proven expertise in supporting individuals

and families affected by birth, pregnancy and bereavement issues.

The fully managed psychological support service shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

A first point of contact for any trauma-related and psychological concerns, queries, or request for support by the inquiry team.

Emotional support (individual or group sessions) to offer remote and in-person support, guidance, and emotional containment for individuals involved in inquiry activities.

Psychological support to individuals whose cases are being reviewed who may require enhanced / specialist psychological support. This may include:

An assessment of individuals' needs and risks (this will usually be with a Wellbeing Navigator in the first instance)

Support and assistance with navigating options, including available interventions and therapies, and/or referrals to external services and support in accessing local resource networks

Evidence-based counselling and psychological therapies (such as EMDR and CBT)

The service will be carried out both remotely (telephone/video support calls) and face-to-face (Leeds).

The value of the contract is £1,500,000 excluding VAT and 1,800,000 excluding VAT.

Term of the contract: An initial term of thirty-six months (36) months, with the option to extend for one or more further periods up to a maximum of six (6) months

Total value (estimated)

- £1,500,000 excluding VAT
- £1,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 14 April 2026 to 30 April 2029
- Possible extension to 31 October 2029
- 3 years, 6 months, 17 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85312320 - Counselling services
- 85100000 - Health services
- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

Contract locations

- UKE42 - Leeds

Engagement

Engagement deadline

7 January 2026

Engagement process description

This is not a call for competition, but an opportunity to gather feedback to better understand market capabilities, refine the procurement strategy, and encourage supplier engagement.

Interested parties can access the relevant documents via the Atamis system at <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome> using the contract reference. Suppliers may also submit the completed questionnaire through Atamis but must be registered on the system to do so. Alternatively, questionnaires can be submitted by email to ccsinbox@dhsc.gov.uk quoting "Trauma Support Service for the Local Review Maternity Units -LEEDS" no later than 07/01/2026 at 5pm

We are sharing the draft specifications, proposed procurement approach, draft contract and timetable with the market to invite feedback from potential bidders.

The objective of the preliminary market engagement is:

Understanding market capability

Improving Procurement Strategy and Specification Development

Identify any barriers

Encouraging Supplier Participation and Competition

The input by suppliers may help shape the final approach and procurement strategy. A questionnaire is also available for suppliers to complete, allowing them to provide comments and raise any additional questions.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

23 January 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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