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Tender

Substance Misuse Carer Support Service in Blyth Northumberland and Rural Provision

Northumberland County Council

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Scope

Reference

NCC1801

Description

Northumberland County Council wishes to commission a provider to increase service provision within Blyth and rural areas of Northumberland to:

- Provide in-reach support into Northumberland County Council's commissioned Drug and Alcohol Service for Adults in Northumberland.
- Support and encourage families of service users within the treatment system seek carers support.
- Help address the issues raised by the Improving Croft and Cowpen Quay Partnership and sub-group with a focus on supporting hard to reach families in the community.
- Increase engagement of families and utilise CRAFT programme with the aim of

increasing resistant drug and alcohol

- Support the families of service users within the Recovery Centre to help maintain engagement and progress.
- Develop partnership approaches for people in treatment and accessing carer services.
- Offer physical health and activity programmes to increase the health and wellbeing of service users.
- Deliver Wellbeing Workshops and accredited training courses to Carers and Family Champions but also to Substance Users who are progressing well in their recovery journey and workers from other community agencies.
- Work with carers and families in rural areas of Northumberland who are struggling to travel and access support. This would involve making links with health services and support to access wider services, such as range of health services, public and statutory sector and the wider support available in the voluntary, community sector (VCS), faith-based organisations, housing providers, treatment services (substance) and emergency food provision.
- Provide support to 'hidden or invisible' families, children and young people whose lives are affected through the drug/alcohol misuse of loved ones.
- Via training offered to service users enable them to improve health and wellbeing and fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage and provide service users with options to progress by increasing social and economic inclusion, through volunteering, and pathways to employability.
- Build capacity in communities to address local issues by offering accredited training, soft skill development and wellbeing support.
- Work with marginalised/overlooked children and young people providing support and a pathway to improving their mental health and to assist with realising their potential by developing resilience, confidence, self-esteem, and independence. The Provider will work with referral partners, to target children and young people aged from 8 - 18 years.
- Increase number of service users accessing CRAFT and ACES in rural areas.

Total value (estimated)

- £222,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- 2 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKC21 - Northumberland

Participation

Particular suitability

Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

12 January 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

23 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders to be submitted electronically via the Open portal at open-uk.org.

After registering suppliers can search NCC1801 Substance Misuse Carer Support Service in Blyth Northumberland and Rural Provision in "Browse Opportunities" or use the below link.

<https://open-uk.org/opportunities/overview/public/e894795b-915d-4e3f-986e-dcb592da7db7>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Procurement Specific Questionnaire for completion, and Award Questionnaire to be evaluated by evaluation panel.

Award Questionnaire Weighting: 90%

Pricing Schedule Weighting: 10%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

[ITT SCHEDULE 2 - SPECIFICATION.docx](#)

Contracting authority

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