

## 1819-0008 Mental Health Forensic Accommodation Service

Islington Council invites suitable expressions of interest from organisations to provide a residential care service and step-down supported accommodation, for men aged 18-65 years with complex mental health needs, who have been in contact with the criminal justice system services as a result of their mental ill-health.

### Current status / Background

The contract will combine two current services delivered in Islington: forensic residential care (made up of eight units) and forensic step-down accommodation (made up of three units).

The service delivers long term support, rehabilitation and recovery, enabling residents with severe and enduring mental illness to lead fulfilling lives in the community, maximising life opportunities and independence. The new service is estimated to start from 01 August 2019.

### The requirement

The service will provide residential care and step-down supported accommodation, for men aged 18-65 years with complex mental health needs, who have been in contact with the criminal justice system services as a result of their mental ill-health, and have had stays in a secure hospital or prison setting.

This service aims to facilitate the transition out of hospital or prison back into the community through providing a supportive and safe setting from which residents can continue the process of rehabilitation. Over a period of time, residents will be supported to step down to less intensive support within the mental health accommodation pathway, or to alternative housing options, wherever possible.

The step-down accommodation service will support people who are stepping down from residential care towards independent living but still require support in order to maintain their tenancies, manage secondary diagnoses such as substance misuse, and prevent hospital relapse or re-offending and to live independently within the community.

Staff will be on-site 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will provide support to develop skills for independent living and to engage with the community. As the step down accommodation is an independent-living style project, staff should either be on site or able to be on site within five minutes of a call out being made.

Comprehensive support plans will be in place to ensure residents have the right support to maintain and/or enhance the skills they already possess in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Daily life skills for independent living
- Engaging with social and/or recreational activities
- Finance and budgeting
- Maintaining health and wellbeing, including engaging with specialist mental health services and specialist substance misuse services
- Medication management
- Nutrition

Any successful provider will need to provide their own properties in order to deliver the service.

Organisations wishing to tender for this service will be registered with the Care Quality Commission and have requisite experience of:

- Delivering residential care and supported accommodation services for people with mental health high support needs, forensic history and dual diagnosis, such as substance misuse.
- Delivering services as a Registered Social Landlord or as a Support Provider

### **Lots**

This contract is being tendered as one Lot.

### **TUPE [Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations]**

Potential providers must be aware that TUPE may or may not apply to this service. Further details will be available in the invitation to tender.

### **Contract Period**

The contract period will be for 24 months (2 years) from an estimated start date 01 August 2019. The contract will have two (2) options to extend for a period of up to 12 months (1 year) each depending on an assessment of performance against outcomes, standards of service provided and available funding. The maximum contract period is 48 months (4 years).

### **Contract Value**

The estimated total value of this service is £1,800,000 over the maximum term of the contract (48 months). This is based on an estimated annual budget of £450,000 and will be subject to regular funding reviews over the lifetime of the contract.

### **Award criteria**

The contract will be awarded to the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations. MEAT for this contract is quality 70% and cost 30%. Tender submissions will be subject to minimum quality thresholds. Further details will be provided in the invitation to tender.

### **Cost 30% - made up of:**

15% - Unit Cost

10% - Total Contract Cost

5% - Direct/Indirect Costs

### **Quality 70% - made up of:**

30% - Proposed approach to service model

15% - Proposed approach to service user involvement and social value

15% - Proposed approach to safeguarding and risk management

10% - Proposed approach to workforce management and contract mobilisation

**Total 100%**



Tenderers should be aware that we reserve the right to hold site visits and/or presentations and/or interviews during the tender process. Site visits and/or presentations and/or interviews will be for verification/clarification purposes of the written submission.

We reserve the right to interview leading bidders.

## Procurement Process

This contract will be procured using the Open Procedure. The Open Procedure means that all bidders who successfully express an interest will automatically be invited to tender and have access to the tender documents. Those who submit a tender and meet the minimum requirements will have their full tender, method statements and pricing evaluated.

## How to express an interest

If you wish to apply for this contract please follow the steps below:

Register your company free of charge via the **London Tenders Portal**.

Link: <https://procontract.due-north.com>

Await acceptance. You will receive an email confirming your username and password.

Use your username and password to log into the London Tenders Portal and express your interest in 1819-0008 Mental Health Forensic Accommodation Service. Category: 85000000 Health and social work services

Shortly after you have expressed interest, you will receive a second email containing a link to access the tender documents.

## Deadlines

The deadline for expressions of interest is: **11.59am, Friday 17 May 2019**

Submission of tender documents by: **12 noon, Friday 17 May 2019**

Late submissions will not be accepted.

## Additional information

- Islington Council and its partners are committed to work towards a 'Fairer Islington', for more information see [www.islington.gov.uk](http://www.islington.gov.uk).
- Please do not include any publicity material with your submissions.
- Islington Council aims to provide equality of opportunity and welcomes applicants who meet the qualitative selection criteria from black and minority ethnic communities and disabled groups.

- The council encourages all types of organisation who meet the qualitative selection criteria including Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations, Social Enterprises or not for profit enterprises and small to medium enterprises (SME) to tender.
  - Your submission will be marked in stages. Only applicants who meet the requirements at each stage will progress to the next stage. Further details will be contained in the tender documents.
  - Please include the Contract Number of this tender process when communicating with the council in any way.
  - All questions relating to this contract should be raised via the question and answer section of the relevant contract on the London Tenders Portal. Please do not contact any officer of the council directly.
  - Applicants are advised that all costs incurred either directly or indirectly in preparation, submission or otherwise related to this advertisement will be borne by them, and in no circumstances will the council be responsible for any such costs. Applicants are also advised that the council at its sole discretion acting reasonably and in good faith reserves the right to abandon the procurement at any stage prior to contract award.
  - As part of a commitment to transparency the council is now publishing all spend over £500 each month. This includes spend on contracts, so the successful contractor should expect details of spend against the contract to appear on the council website [Islington Council: Council contracts](#). The council is also committed to publishing tender and contract documentation after contract award stage. Commercially sensitive information will be redacted from documentation. What constitutes commercially sensitive information is a matter for the council's sole discretion. However, tenderers will be invited to identify information they consider to be commercially sensitive in their tender return and this will be taken into account in the council forming a view.
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