

# 2324-0120 Mental Health Recovery Pathway Service

Islington Council invites suitable expressions of interest from suppliers for the above.

## The requirement

The Mental Health Recovery Pathway service will provide a comprehensive proactive mental health early intervention and prevention offer for adults in Islington. Through a range of community interventions, the service will deliver recovery-focused practical and emotional wellbeing support to build resilience and achieve positive outcomes with residents.

Islington Council is committed to early intervention and prevention and in 2023 published [Fairer Together – a strategy for early intervention and prevention in Islington](#)

In Islington, we see early intervention and prevention as: proactive not reactive, focused on building capacity and relationships, joined up, rooted in communities and reducing the need for crisis or statutory services.

Islington Adult Social Care's vision is for the borough to be a place made up of strong, inclusive and connected communities, where regardless of background, people have fair and equal access to adult social care support that enables residents to live healthy, fulfilling and independent lives. This service will align with Adult Social Care's operating model by proactively taking all opportunities to build on people's strengths, maximise their independence and connecting them with their community, ensuring equality and fairness throughout.

## Lots

This services contract is not being divided in to lots.

The council's ambition is for this service to be delivered through a strengthened partnership approach with a lead provider or consortium, and expectation of specialist elements being delivered in partnership with smaller VCS organisations, including via sub-contracting arrangements.

It is anticipated there will be a range of provision within the service to meet a range of needs and to offer opportunities for smaller VCS providers to deliver elements that they specialise in. Smaller VCS providers have unique access to diverse community groups and are well placed to deliver specific early intervention and prevention interventions tailored to meet the specific needs of different communities, reaching the broadest range of people possible.

# 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 duration will be 24 months from an estimated start date of 1 November 2024 with the option of two further extensions of up to 24 months, subject to satisfactory performance and available funding.

## Value of the contract

The estimated total value of this contract is £3,296,784 over the maximum 48 months. This is based on £824,196 per annum.

## Award criteria

The contract(s) will be awarded to the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations.

MEAT for this contract

### **Cost 20%**

Cost made up of:

15% Affordability (Contract Cost), 5% Cost Allocation (Direct/Indirect Cost)

### **Quality 80%**

Quality made up of:

20% - Proposed approach to innovation and ambition in order to deliver a vibrant range of community interventions to achieve the best outcomes for residents.

20% - Proposed approach to providing the right support at the right time, based on people's strengths and what's important to them.

10% - Proposed approach to delivering a strengthened partnership approach

10% - Proposed approach to working with people who use services to shape delivery and drive continuous improvement

20% - Proposed approach to social value

**Total 100%**

Further details will be provided in the invitation to tender.

## Procurement process

As the value of the contract is above the threshold for wider advertising of the opportunity, a Contract Notice will be published on Contracts Finder and Find a Tender Service.

This procurement will be conducted in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, under Chapter 3 Section 7 Social and Other Specific Services (known as the “light touch” regime). Under Regulation 76 the council is free to establish a procedure, provided the procedure is sufficient to ensure compliance with the principles of transparency and equal treatment of economic operators (service providers).

The procedure the council has designed is based on the open procedure. All economic operators (service providers) who successfully express an interest will automatically have access to the tender documents. Standard pre-selection questions will be part of the tender response and will need to be passed before evaluation of cost and quality aspects. Further details will be available in the procurement documents.

## How to express an interest

If you wish to apply for this contract opportunity please follow these steps:

- Register your organisation free of charge via the [London Tenders Portal](#)
- When you receive an email confirming your username and password use these to log on to the London Tenders Portal and express your interest in 2324-0120 Mental Health Recovery Pathway Service 85000000: Health and social work services; 85323000: Community health services
- Shortly after you have expressed interest, you will receive a second email containing a link to access the procurement documents.

## Deadlines

The deadline for expressions of interest is: **11.59am Monday 6 May 2024**

The deadline for submission of Tender documents is: **12 noon Monday 6 May 2024**

Late submissions may 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).
- 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.
- All questions relating to this contract should be raised via the messages section of the relevant contract on the London Tenders Portal. Please do not contact any officer of the council directly.
- 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.