**Public Health England (PHE); Individual Placement Support (IPS) implementation, technical and operational support**

PHE is seeking a supplier of IPS technical support to support the establishment and running of up to 25 new IPS services working in community drug and alcohol treatment across England. The support available to every area without exception must include:

* IPS implementation support, to assist new areas in establishing new IPS services. This support must be provided by experienced IPS professionals
* IPS technical support to support the new areas and former IPS-AD trial areas to work towards and then maintain good fidelity to the IPS model. This support must also be provided by experienced IPS professionals.
* Access to locally-based communities of IPS practice (COPs), led by appropriately experienced and skilled IPS practitioners. This COPs must be facilitated by experienced IPS professionals, and should ideally enable the development of links between new IPS services working in community drug and alcohol treatment and more established ones working in secondary mental health services
* Support to create on-demand, accessible digital dashboards for key management information, including facilitating stakeholder access to dashboard reports

The contract period is 1st August 2021 to 31st March 2022.

**Background**

PHE has recently completed a randomised controlled three-year trial of the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) approach in community drug and alcohol treatment as part of the government’s response to some of the key recommendations made by Dame Carol Black in her independent review of the effects of drug and alcohol dependence on employment outcomes.

The IPS approach is now being expanded to additional local authority areas across England. This is being funded by DWP and run by PHE in partnership with local authorities and treatment providers.

Improving employment outcomes for people who are dependent on drugs is an important focus of the new national drugs strategy. Improving pathways to work and supporting people to stay in employment are known to enhance recovery outcomes.

**Requirements**

The provider appointed will need to have a national network of experienced IPS professionals capable of providing support and facilitating communities of practice, and access to a facility to produce digital dashboard reports of key management information

**Delivery**

Circumstances permitting, delivery should be in person, delivered on site or at a mutually convenient nearby location

**Previous experience**

Previous, evidenced experience of delivering IPS technical support of the type indicated above in the UK is essential.

Previous experience of working with organisations that primarily focus on the delivery of adult drug and alcohol treatment in the community is desirable.

**Costs**

The overall contract value will be a maximum of £60,000 (excluding VAT). A detailed breakdown of costs is required, which will need to demonstrate value for money.

**How to apply**

Email details of the proposal for implementation, technical and operational support, an outline of experience delivering support in this area and a quote with breakdown of costs to: Paul.Anders@phe.gov.uk

**Closing date**

**Wednesday 30th June by 12:00 noon**