Award Questionnaire

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Introduction

You must complete the AQ and all the relevant Appendices contained in this document and submit using the Department’s e-Sourcing portal.

The evaluation will be carried out using your responses to this Questionnaire using the award criteria, guidance and scoring matrix set out in *Attachment 5- Evaluation Guidance.*

Annex A - Award Questionnaire

Award questions

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| **Question** | **AQ1** | **Weight** | **30%** | **Word Limit** | **1500** |
| **Subject** | Delivering counselling services to vulnerable people. |
| **Question** | Please provide details of how you will meet the expected requirements of the contractor and how you will ensure that counsellors working on the contract meet the expected requirements of them.Potential providers must demonstrate that they have experience of delivering services to vulnerable people as set out in section 5 of the specification. |
| **Response Guidance**  | Your response should include at least three examples of where you have provided the type of services set out in section 5 of the specification.You should set out clearly and specifically how you will meet the expected requirements of the contractor and how you will ensure counsellors working on the contract meet the expectations of them. Please refrain from making generalised statements. |

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| ****Potential Provider Response / Additional commentary**** |
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| **Question** | **AQ2** | **Weight** | **25%** | **Word Limit** | **1500** |
| **Subject** | Delivering Counselling Services Remotely |
| **Question** | Please provide details of how you will meet the expected requirements of the contractor in providing a service which is delivered remotely, using online communications or telephony.Potential providers must demonstrate that they have experience of delivering services to vulnerable people as set out in section 5 of the specification. |
| **Response Guidance**  | Your response should include at least three examples of where you have provided the type of services set out in section 5 of the specification.You should set out clearly and specifically how you will meet the expected requirements of the contractor |

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| ****Potential Provider Response / Additional commentary**** |
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| **Question** | **AQ3** | **Weight** | **20%** | **Word Limit** | **1500** |
| **Subject** | Safeguarding |
| **Question** | Please provide evidence to demonstrate that you are experienced and competent in assessing and managing safeguarding situations and have experience in making safeguarding referrals as set out in section 5 of the specification. |
| **Response Guidance**  | Your response must set out how you would identify a single point of contact for your staff to escalate issues of a safeguarding nature to. Please supply copies of your safeguarding policy and procedures as part of the tender submission and confirm who the nominated safeguarding leads are within your organisation. |

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| ****Potential Provider Response / Additional commentary**** |
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| **Question** | **AQ4** | **Weight** | **15%** | **Word Limit** | **1500** |
| **Subject** | Managing complaints |
| **Question** | Please demonstrate how you will handle any complaints received in line with the requirements and timescales set out in section 5 of the specification. |
| **Response Guidance**  | You should focus on specific proposals in your response and refrain from making generalised statements. |

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| ****Potential Provider Response / Additional commentary**** |
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| **Question** | **AQ5** | **Weight** | **10%** | **Word Limit** | **1500** |
| **Subject** | Service Levels and Performance |
| **Question** | Please demonstrate how you will meet the required service level and key performance indicators set out in section 6 of the specification. Your response should include details of how you will provide the management information in the form of a monthly report as set out in section 6 of the specification. |
| **Response Guidance**  | Please include a proposal for the monthly management information report in your response. |

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| ****Potential Provider Response / Additional commentary**** |
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Appendix A – Confidential/Commercially Sensitive Information

General

All the information that we provide as part of this Contract may be regarded as the Authority’s Confidential Information.

The Contractor considers that the type of information listed in Table 1 below is Confidential Information and the type of information listed in Table 2 is Commercially Sensitive Information.

Table Types of Information that the Potential Provider considers to be Confidential

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| Information considered confidential (include page/paragraph number) | Section of FOIA under which exemption is sought | Reason for exemption | Dates between which exemption is sought |
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Table 2 Types of Information that the Potential Provider considers to be Commercially Sensitive

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| Information considered confidential (include page/paragraph number) | Section of FOIA under which exemption is sought | Reason for exemption | Dates between which exemption is sought |
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Appendix B - Administrative Instructions

Authorisation

## The person shown below person shall act as the Authority's Representative on all matters relating to the Contract:

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| Name | To be confirmed at contract award  |
| Contact Details | To be confirmed at contract award  |

## The Authority's Representative may authorise other officers to act on their behalf.

Notices

## Any Notice the Supplier wishes to send the Authority shall be sent in writing to the Authority's Representative at the address shown in paragraph 1.1 above.

## Any notice the Authority wishes to send the Supplier shall be sent in writing to the Contractor's Representative at the address shown in paragraph 0 below.

Address for Invoices and Credit Notes

## All invoices and credit notes for the Department shall be sent to directly to Accounts Payable (AP) quoting a valid Purchase Order number (PO).

Department of Health and Social Care Accounts Payable

mb-paymentqueries@dh.gsi.gov.uk

## Room 530, Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, London, SW1A 2NS

N.b. Invoices and credit notes must be sent to Accounts Payable at the above address. Invoices must not be sent to the Authority’s Representative.

Correspondence

All correspondence to the Authority except that for or relating to invoices shall be sent to the following address:

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| Name | To be confirmed at contract award  |
| Contact Details | To be confirmed at contract award  |

All correspondence to the Supplier shall be sent to the following address:

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| Name | Potential Provider to provide name |
| Contact Details | Potential Provider to provide address |

Appendix C – Parent Company Guarantee

## Potential Providers should provide a copy of this form only if a Parent Company Guarantee (PCG) is required. This should be provided on appropriate letter-headed paper and as a separate document.

## Those organisations that DO NOT require a PCG (to demonstrate financial standing) tick this box: **[ ]**

**PROVISION OF [PROJECT TITLE]**

## With reference to the tender for the above services submitted by [**insert name of Contractor**] (hereinafter referred to as "the Contractor"), as a condition precedent for and in consideration of The Secretary of State for Health, (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority") entering into a contract (hereinafter referred to as "the Contract") with the Contractor for the above services, we, as the Contractor's ultimate holding company do hereby enter into the following unconditional and irrevocable undertakings with the Authority.

These undertakings being on condition that the Authority enters into the Contract with the Contractor for the above services and in consideration of the same:

The Contractor shall perform all its obligations contained in the Contract;

If the Contractor shall in any respect fail to perform the said obligations contained in the Contract or commits any breach thereof we shall ourselves perform on simple demand by the Authority, or take whatever steps may be necessary to achieve performance of the obligations under the Contract of the Contractor, and shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Authority against any loss, damages, costs and expenses howsoever arising from the said failure or breach for which the Contractor may be liable;

We shall not be discharged or released from our undertakings hereunder by any waiver or forbearance by the Authority, whether as to payment, time, performance or otherwise;

This guarantee shall be unconditional and irrevocable and shall continue in force, notwithstanding any variations or additions to or deletions from the scope of services to be performed under the Contract, until all the Contractor's obligations thereunder have been performed; and,

This document shall be construed and take effect in accordance with English Law and, furthermore, we submit to the jurisdiction of the English Courts.

**Completed by:** Click here to enter text. **Position:** Click here to enter text.

**Name:** Click here to enter text. **Date:** Click here to enter text.

**For and on behalf of** insert the name of the Potential Provider’s ultimate parent-holding company

Appendix D – Conflicts of Interest

## Potential Providers have a continuing duty to disclose actual or potential conflicts of interest in respect of itself, its named sub-contractors and / or consortia members.

Please describe any (potential) conflicts of interest that the Potential Provider has identified and how these will be managed\*:

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| ****Potential Provider Response / Additional commentary**** |
| Click here to enter text.*Guidance to Potential Providers:**You should describe in the detail the perceived conflict (how it could be perceived in the context of this procurement) and the measures it will take to mitigate the conflict through the procurement life-cycle and service delivery.* |

**If you DO NOT have any conflicts to declare, please tick this box: [ ]**

**\***Potential Providers are reminded that failure to identify material conflicts of interest may lead to rejection of its tender response.

Appendix E – Form of Tender

Declaration for [PROJECT TITLE]

## Having examined the proposed Contract comprising of:

Invutation to Tender – Attachment 2 (Terms of Participation)

Invitation to Tender – Attachment 3 (Description of Services)

Invitation to Tender – Attachment 4 (Short Form Agreement for Services);

Invitation to Tender – Attachment 6 (Award Questionnaire)

Invitation to Tender – Attachment 7 (Pricing Matrix)

as enclosed in the ITT response dated [INSERT DATE]. We do hereby tender against the requirements, and terms and conditions of the proposed Contract.

We undertake to keep the tender open for acceptance by the Authority for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days from the deadline for receipt of tenders.

We declare that this is a bona fide tender, intended to be genuinely competitive, and that we have not fixed or adjusted the amount of the tender by, or under, or in accordance with, any agreement or arrangement with any other person. We further declare that we have not done, and we undertake that we will not do, any of the following acts prior to award of this Contract:

### Collude with any third party to fix the price of any number of tenders for this Contract;

### Offer, pay, or agree to pay any sum of money or consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing, having done, or promising to be done, any act or thing of the sort described herein and above.

We agree that the Authority may disclose the Contractor's information/documentation (submitted to the Authority during this Procurement) more widely within Government for the purpose of ensuring effective cross-Government procurement processes, including value for money and related purposes.

Unless and until the Potential Provider and the Authority have executed a formal agreement, the Authority's acceptance of this tender with all its enclosures shall not constitute a binding contract between us. We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest price, or any, tender.

Name of person duly authorised to sign tenders:

**Date:** Click here to enter text.

**Signed:** Click here to enter text.

**In the capacity of**: Click here to enter text.

**duly authorised to sign tenders for and on behalf of:** Click here to enter text.

By completing this Declaration and submitting your tender, you have agreed that the statements in this Form of Tender are correct.