**Bedford Borough Council (BBC)** currently commissions separately, a number of ‘therapeutic’ support services which have natural synergies across Early Help Mentoring, Counselling, Psychotherapies & Specialist Therapies Services. BBC has agreed a commissioning option for a joined-up approach under a single over-arching tender for Early Help Mentoring & Youth Work, Counselling, Psychotherapies & Specialist Therapies, with a new contract commencing 1st October 2022.This will be a solely BBC contract and procurement exercise.

**Key Objectives**

We are seeking to engage the market early to gauge the interest of Providers in this service and to enable potential bidders express their interest to partake in the tender process and work with Bedford Borough Council to deliver best value on these services and with a view to continuing the provision of quality Early Help Mentoring & Counselling and Therapeutic Services to service users (young people and families) in Bedford

**Constraints**

All public sector budgets are under the pressure of cuts and financial reductions, as such the Commissioning Authorities aims to deliver services at the best value possible, and are looking to providers that can deliver each service element individually or under an over-arching contract with Lots for each service element so as to submit tenders for delivery of these service.

**Contract**

The proposed contract duration is for **3 years (3+1+1)** with the opportunity to extend for a further **two years**. The contract will be held by Bedford Borough Council. Contract(s) will start from the 1st Oct 2022 and providers will be expected deliver these services from that date.

**Tender**

Will be published sometime in May 2022 on our Intend e-procurement website <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/bedford/aspx/Home>. Please register your Company on the website to get notification when the tender goes live

**Conditions of Participation in Pre-engagement exercise**

Organisations wishing to register an interest in participating in this engagement exercise should go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pre-procurement-event-eh-mentoring-counselling-therapeutic-services-tickets-248807368537> to register their company/practice information and to express their interest.

If you have need any assistance accessing Eventbrite to register for this event, please email [toni.badnall@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:toni.badnall@bedford.gov.uk)