**Prior Information Notice, Pre-Market Engagement:**

**North London Forensic Collaborative VCSE Grant Scheme: Employability Support**

**Barnet, Enfield and Haringey NHS Mental Health Trust**

## **Introduction**

Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust (BEH) is a large provider of integrated mental health in Barnet, Enfield and Haringey and also community health services in Enfield.

Since October 2020, the Trust has been the lead-provider for the North London Forensic Collaborative Under a contract worth c£150m with NHS England the Trust has the delegated responsibility for commissioning Low and Medium Secure Forensic Services for the population of North London, working in partnership with 4 other NHS providers.

BEH serve a population of 1.2 million, employ more than 3,300 staff, and operate from over 20 main sites in the community.

Providing equality of opportunity for patients, their carers and our staff is a central element of our pursuit of excellence in care provision.

We are committed to the elimination of unlawful and unfair discrimination and value the differences that a diverse workforce brings to the organisation.

We aim to be a fair employer and strive to achieve equality of opportunity for all, creating inclusive workplace environments where everyone can work effectively towards the provision of better healthcare. As a Trust we have a comprehensive policy, setting out how it will work to deliver high quality services to all in fair and equitable ways.

## Statement of Market Engagement Event

North London Forensic Collaborative (NLFC) VCSE Grant Scheme: Employability Support

This notice is placed as an early engagement notice to inform the market of the North London Forensic Collaborative (NLFC) intention to deliver an Employment Support Program as part of a Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Grant Scheme.

The NLFC commissions and delivers adult secure inpatient and specialist forensic community services for the population of North London. The NLFC covers North East, North West and North Central London and the intention is to develop and deliver a grant scheme which operates across all these London boroughs, with dedicated funding for each of the three Integrated Care Systems to ensure that funding serves the needs of the local population.

The aim of the Employability Support Program Grant is to provide funding to partners in the VCSE sector, to deliver employability support or develop initiatives to help community forensic service users get work ready and into sustainable employment, through learning new skills, gaining qualifications, and with a direct route to paid or unpaid roles that includes ongoing support to retain the role. We are particularly interested in developing social enterprise models, funding projects that will enable a sustainable business model to get off the ground, and service users into meaningful employment.

The NLFC wishes to hold a Market Engagement Event where they will provide more detail on the service, gauge the level of interest from potential providers and to engage with interested parties to gather feedback on specific aspects of the future service specification and best approach.

To confirm you would like to attend the Market Engagement Event you will need to provide an Expression of Interest letter with your full company details (Company Name, Phone Number, Address, DUNS Number, Charity Number, Companies House number) via the Atamis Portal.

Dates to the Virtual Market Engagement Event:

[ ] Tuesday 16th May 2023 – 10.30am to 11.30pm

## Next Steps

This is a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to the public as well as a Pre-Market Engagement.

The notice for the tender will be published on Contracts Finder (CF) via the Atamis portal, the suppliers who engage with this PIN and Pre-Market Engagement event will have a separate notification via Atamis to notify the advert of the tender. The timeline for the tender will be published when the advert is live.