

**SOFT MARKET TESTING EXERCISE**

**Birmingham’s** **Adult Drug and Alcohol Recovery Services**

**Closing date for submission of response**

**12:00hrs (NOON) Wednesday 16th October 2024**

**This Soft Market Testing exercise forms part of research around the future commissioning options for the service(s) This exercise is purely investigatory in nature, although it may be used to assist the Council in delivery model, service viability and the potential routes to market under the Provider Selection Regime.**

**Providing a response will not preclude your participation in any future procurement exercise.**

## Introduction

Birmingham City Council is seeking expressions of interest to inform commissioners of the provider landscape, understand the market, and to help identify suitable providers to deliver Birmingham’s Adult Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services and Recovery Services.

Our Triple Zero Strategy, sets out the Council’s ambitions:

* Zero deaths due to drug or alcohol addiction
* Zero overdoses due to drug or alcohol addiction
* Zero people unable to receive support for their addiction when they need it

To work towards our vision, we will focus on delivery through five themed workstreams that will work together to create a safer, healthier city.



More information can be found at [Triple Zero City Strategy | Birmingham City Council](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50266/other_public_health_projects/2347/triple_zero_city_strategy)

Our Adults Recovery Services are crucial to achieving our vision. Our current integrated service works with adults who misuse substance, including opiates, non-opiates and alcohol. It provides services that help adults successfully complete treatment and move towards recovery.

​This questionnaire is for Recovery Service providers only, to respond as a provider of Treatment Services please visit insert link [www.in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc](http://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc)

## Current context

* Current contract ends 31st March 2025 funded by SSMTRG
* Current contract for Recovery Services is approximately £1m per annum
* Future arrangements will be informed by data and research. The findings of soft market testing will also inform the process.

## Adult Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service

Our Recovery services aim to support people recover from substance misuse through structured therapeutic support. This includes behavioural change programmes and coaching, to help people build resilience and connect with the local community. Recovery aims to:

* Increase a person's ability to engage and stay in treatment,​
* Improve a person’s health and social well-being,​
* Improve a person’s employment outcomes and reduced re-offending.
* Support those who need support with their own or someone else’s drug and alcohol use.

**Financial Envelope**

The estimated spend for the proposed service(s) is up to £1 million per year.

**Premises**

City wide offer

**Experience**

Evidence of delivering similar services will be required.

**Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (TUPE)**

There is an expectation that TUPE may apply to this contract.

# Expressions of Interest Questionnaire

Birmingham City Council is looking for informal expressions of interest on the above-mentioned service. At this stage to establish the level of market interest. Please click on the link below to complete the Questionnaire on MS Forms.

**Recovery Service:** [**https://forms.office.com/e/RjXt2c53gv**](https://forms.office.com/e/RjXt2c53gv)

# Market Engagement Sessions

As part of our Market Testing, we may decide that further engagement with the market is required. These would take place as online sessions. If the sessions do go ahead, the discussions will remain completely confidential, and no information will be shared between providers. Instead, we may use them anonymously to inform the service design and the subsequent invitations to tender, taking into account all factors available to us.

Completion of the questionnaire is a pre-requisite to these sessions as the sessions will be based upon your responses. If you are happy to participate, please indicate your interest on the Questionnaire and if applicable, we will be in touch to arrange a convenient date and time.

# E-Tendering System

The Soft Market Test (SMT) exercise is being issued via the Council’s e-tendering system, In-tend, with a link to an MS Form questionnaire. Interested organisations are requested to complete and submit the questionnaire using the link provided.

Responses from the questionnaire will only be made available to the relevant Public Health officers and/or their advisers in respect of this SMT exercise.

The ‘In-tend’ system is secure and free to use for organisations. If you have any questions on how to use this website, please contact the CPS Help Desk email cps@birmingham.gov.uk.

# Communications

All formal communications (including, but not limited to clarifications) to the Council are to be made in writing using the Council’s e-tendering system In-tend. Under no circumstances should Council Officers be contacted directly.

# Confidentiality

All information supplied by the Council in connection with this SMT exercise shall be regarded as confidential by the organisation (except that such information may as is necessary be disclosed for the purpose of obtaining information necessary for the preparation of the response).

All responses will be kept in confidence but may be taken into consideration by the Council.