



Midlands and Lancashire
Commissioning Support Unit

NHS Halton CCG

Social Prescribing Service

Annex 1: Invitation to Express Interest



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Commissioner Requirements

NHS Halton CCG covers the 2 towns of Widnes and Runcorn in the north west of England.

The borough of Halton has a varied demography. Halton has 21 of its 79 small areas (LSOAs) that fall within the top 10% most deprived nationally. This is around 26% of its population.

In terms of Health Deprivation and disability, Halton is ranked 13th most deprived out of 326 Local Authorities, with 37 small areas falling in the top 10% most deprived nationally for Health Deprivation and Disability.

The age breakdown of Halton's population is expected to change over the next two decades. The proportion of people over the age of 74 is expected to swell and the proportion of children and people of working age is expected to contract. This is the case nationally also but is predicted to be emphasised more so locally. As of 2016 12.0% of Halton's population are aged 70 and above, whereas, in 2039 Halton's projected population aged over 70 will represent almost a fifth (19.6%) of the entire population of the area.

It is recognised that there are increasing demands on all services. To meet these demands "One Halton" is being developed to join up all the services that deliver care and wellbeing to the people of Halton ensuring that they have the right support, at the right time, in the right away to provide the best possible outcomes.

By joining resources and working together across the Halton Borough, One Halton aims to simplify the current system that patients, families and carers often find complex and difficult to navigate, especially if care and treatment is being delivered by more than one organisation.

Brief Description of Service

The 2 key elements of the service are to:

- Improve the social support available for individuals by supporting, signposting and connecting people to community groups, activity and provision in the local area
- Improve the welfare of the local community by providing general information and advice.
- Reduce social isolation and improve community connectiveness to contribute to overall improvements in health and wellbeing.

Please refer to Annex 2 – Draft Specification for further details about the requirements of the service.

Expression of Interest Process

Contact Details

All communication for this Expression should be directed to Helen Graham via the Bravo eProcurement system.

Timescales

The outline timescales for the Expression of Interest are as follows:

Date of posting the Expression of Interest to OJEU and Contracts Finder – Friday 16th October 2020

Deadline to formally submit written expressions of interest – 4pm on Tuesday 3rd November 2019

Procurement Intentions

The commissioners will use the information from the Expression of Interest to inform any future decisions in relation to commissioning of these services with the intention to proceed to a formal tender.

If a tender process is conducted this will be through the Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (MLCSU) e-sourcing portal and full details of how to access the tender will be provided to interested potential providers.

Expressing interest in the tender opportunity

All potential providers are encouraged to read the questions on the Bravo eProcurement Portal and to provide written feedback as directed.

To express an interest in the tender opportunity please complete the online questionnaire and submit it to Helen Graham via the Bravo eProcurement Portal, providing the details of your provider's name, address, telephone and email contact details and feedback to the questions within the stated timescales.

In the event that the commissioners proceed to an Invitation to Tender stage all providers who expressed interest in the tender will be invited into the procurement process which will be conducted through MLCSU's e-sourcing portal <https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>. There will also be a further call for competition using the relevant advertising media.

However, it is not a mandatory requirement for interested providers to submit a response to the Expression of Interest to be considered for any future opportunities.

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