

Invitation to Quote

Provision of substance misuse/mental health outreach service for Stafford Borough Safer Communities Partnership

The Stafford Borough Safer Communities Partnership is committed to working in partnership with other services and organisations to make the Borough a safer place to live. Mental ill health, alcohol and drugs are cross cutting issues that impact on a diverse range of people in the Borough, including families and wider communities.

There are a range of specialist services already commissioned in the Borough and a variety of support is available for individuals. However there are further opportunities for complementary services to be developed to assist the Partnership in co-ordinating available resources and in delivering shared outcomes around the prevention and early intervention agenda for individuals presenting with complex needs. This will ensure that appropriate support and responses are provided to individuals with complex needs before relevant enforcement action is considered and will also provide support and reassurance to our communities.

Stafford Borough Council as lead agency for the Partnership therefore wishes to commission an early intervention/preventative substance misuse outreach service from a specialist third sector partner. This service will offer support to individuals who are have been identified as having have substance misuse and/or mental health issues by the Partnership HUB. In addition to this it is expected that the service will provide outreach to individuals/communities who are living in hot spot areas identified as part of the geographical analysis in the strategic assessment.

It is expected that the successful provider will manage direct referrals, from the Partnership HUB for individuals identified as needing support with substance misuse and/or mental health issues. The service will be flexible and innovative in its approach to positively engage hard to reach individuals with complex needs and achieve the agreed outcomes. This may include visiting identified individuals, helping them with their immediate needs, offering emotional support and advocating on their behalf.

Term of contract

The term of the contract is intended to commence on the 6th May 2017 until 5th May 2018 (12 months) with the option to extend for a further twelve months, plus a further twelve months upon satisfactory performance and subject to available funding.

Budget

The indicative budget for this service is £40k per annum and will be paid quarterly in arrears upon receipt of evidence of satisfactory performance as established in the service outline and formally upon award of contract.

Closing date

Interested parties should read the service outline and submit a completed application form with the accompanying Community Impact Assessment form and return them to policyandpartnership@staffordbc.gov.uk by **5pm on Monday 17th April 2017**