

An Update For Voluntary Sector Organisations On Procurement



(North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent)



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What is the Community Mental Health Transformation and how does it enable closer working with VCSE (Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise)?

Ambitious plans to transform the way community mental health care and support is provided in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent are underway. This three-year transformation, taking place between 2021-2024 supports the priorities set out within the [NHS Long Term Plan](#) and is being bolstered with the help of multi-million pound national funding.

The Long Term Plan also stresses the need for these services to be delivered within a Primary Care Network (PCN) – geographical networks of GP practices. There are a total of 24 PCNs in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

The new funding will help to create a new proactive model of community-based mental health care, based within PCNs, with mental health NHS trusts working in partnership with GPs, commissioners, local authorities and voluntary and community organisations – alongside people with lived experience, their families and carers. This [animation](#) articulates the vision for community mental health transformation.

The vision:

“Our vision is that by working together we create mental health services that are inclusive, accessible, values people as they are and is responsive to their needs. We will embrace innovation and new ways of working to remove traditional barriers, improve communication and training, and provide personalised support that enables people to live well and realise their full potential.”

Aims and ambitions

This work will focus on serious mental illness, with work programmes focusing in particular on transforming personality disorder, eating disorders and community rehabilitation.

Key features of the transformation include:

- Introducing a single point of access for mental health concerns – delivered in partnership with voluntary and community sector organisations
- Having a ‘no wrong door’ approach to accessing streamlined and person-centred care between different organisations that removes the need for multiple assessments
- Introducing new digital platforms and technologies
- Self-referrals

The framework allows for a shift to a new model of community mental health provision, designed on an asset-based view of communities and integrated working across agencies, rather than a traditional Community Mental Health Team model.

The aim of the Community Mental Health Framework is to:

- Improve access to psychological therapies for those with Serious Mental Illness (SMI)
- Deliver support that is personalised and within a person's community
- Take an asset based approach with an emphasis on self-management and recovery
- Increase the number of people receiving SMI physical health checks
- Increase the number of adults who have access to Individual Placement and Support (IPS)
- Provide integrated models of support configured around the PCNs
- Implement a whole systems pathway supported by structured evidence based treatments for people experiencing high distress
- Reduce occupied bed days within Acute Settings and a reduction in crisis contacts for people experiencing high distress
- Ensure Eating Disorder provision that meets commissioning guidance across the age span

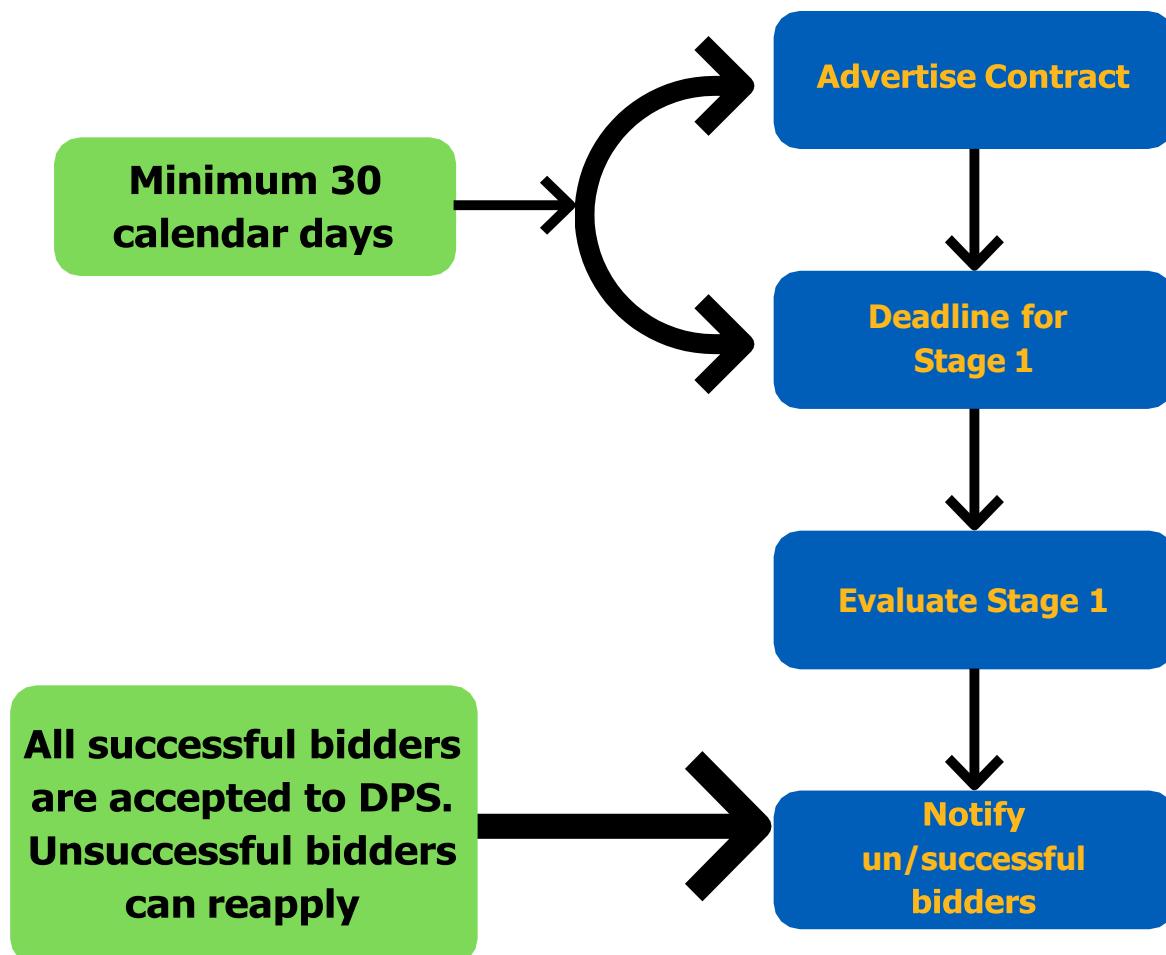
The focus over the next three years will be to develop fully integrated teams of health, social care and voluntary and community staff to work in new ways, with the support of people with lived experience to deliver services that more effectively meet the needs of the communities they serve. The voluntary sector are a critical link in the delivery and design of new models of care.

What is the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)?

The Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) is a light touch procurement process which enables VCSE organisation to tender for opportunities linking to the transformation community mental health services in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, the process complies with procurement legislation.

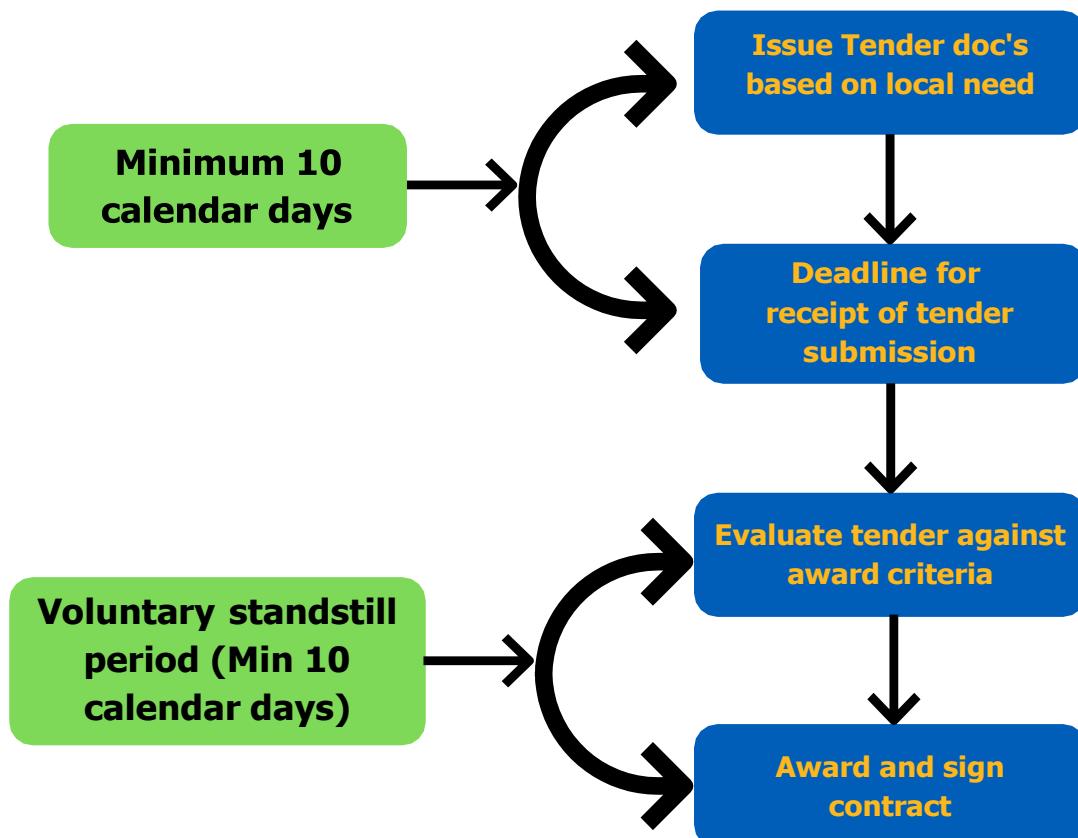
Stage 1

It's a two stage procurement process; the first stage enables suppliers to join the framework, the process has been designed to be inclusive and supplier can re-submit responses on multiple occasions.



Stage 2

The second stage invites all suppliers on the DPS, or the relevant category (financial wellbeing, recovery workers, housing etc.) within the DPS, to bid for the specific individual contracts.



Within the DPS process, the 10 day standstill is a voluntary period via the DPS which are being assessed on a case by case basis. If it was outside of the DPS, the 10 day standstill process would be required.

New suppliers can join the DPS at any time and there's no limit on the number of suppliers on the DPS.

This is a streamlined process, suppliers don't have to demonstrate suitability and capability every time they wish to compete for a contract. The programme has worked with Support Staffordshire to co-design the procurement process and with opportunities ring-fenced for the voluntary sector.

How can organisations from the voluntary sector apply?

The DPS was published via Contracts Finder in March 2021 VCSE Community Mental Health Framework - Contracts Finder describes what the framework is and also how VCSE Organisations can apply. Interested organisations can apply via the following link – <https://www.eu-supply.com>.

The portal has been designed to ensure voluntary, charitable and social enterprises are given opportunities to access and tender for opportunities, any other business types will be excluded.

Who can you contact if you need support?

The Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust (MPFT) Procurement team - email:
Laura.Nash@mpft.nhs.uk or Procurement@mpft.nhs.uk

If you need support completing the questions on the DPS please contact Charlotte Day:
Charlotte.Day@mpft.nhs.uk and for general enquiries please contact Louise Summerfield at Support Staffordshire: louise.summerfield@supportstaffordshire.org.uk

Procurement Schedule For DPS Activity

(North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent)

Procurement Opportunity And Description	Further Information/Key Dates
Community Mental Health Recovery Coach The provision of a Community Mental Health Peer Recovery Coach for people with mental health needs in North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent is to enable them to stay well in their recovery journey. The ways in which people are supported can be flexible, should be person centred and help people to make the best use of their community resources.	The specification/s will go out via the DPS in early/mid October 2021.
Provision of Financial Wellbeing Management and Support for Mental Health Services (North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent) There is evidence that financial difficulties disproportionately impact service users with serious mental health needs. The role of the Financial Wellbeing Management and Support Service will be to offer a range of flexible support to people with financial difficulties within North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. The service will advise and support patients who are under the care of Community Mental Health Teams including Older Persons and the Rehab Pathway.	The specification/s will go out via the DPS in early/mid October 2021.

Please note – this schedule is subject to change

For more information on the Community Mental Health Transformation Programme, please visit
<https://www.twbstaffsandstoke.org.uk/about-us/our-work/mental-health/adult-community-mental-health-transformation>