

Contract Opportunity - Management of the Gloucestershire Neurodiversity Network

NHS Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (GICB) seeks expressions of interest from suitably qualified organisations that have the necessary capability and capacity to manage the newly established Neurodiversity Network in Gloucestershire.

As part of the NHS England 3 Year Roadmap, the Integrated Care System have committed to developing a co-ordinated network of providers who support neurodiverse children, young people, and adults. The Neurodiversity Network will offer a sustainable governance structure for providers to have a voice, build relationships with other organisations and be able to share their experiences as well as working together to improve the current provision in Gloucestershire. Therefore, GICB wishes to appoint an organisation to manage the Neurodiversity Network with the responsibility of coordinating, developing, and sustaining the Network.

The purpose of this service is to develop a structured Neurodiversity Network for providers of inclusive activities, support, clubs and beyond to feel part of a collective group which can offer peer support, share issues, gaps, and positive developments. It will also ensure that children, young people, and adults can be easily signposted to their local groups for support or signposted to organisations like SENDIASS for specific needs. It should also be a space to share feedback from families and individuals on what is available in the community, whether things are working well or if improvements can still be made. Having a management structure to the Neurodiversity Network will enable small groups to feel supported and for the Neurodiversity Network to grow as opposed to relying on the goodwill of existing provision who are already busy to deliver on top of their current responsibilities.

Key Objectives:

- Providing a support mechanism to local providers who deliver provision for neurodiverse people within the community
- Bringing together the neurodiverse community within Gloucestershire
- Holding an overview of the local provision available to children, young people, and adults to enable signposting
- Enabling neurodiverse individuals to be confident in their knowledge of what support is available to them
- Shaping the support available in Gloucestershire to meet the need of neurodiverse people
- Gathering the views of neurodiverse people to support the development of services

GICB is seeking to enter into a contract with the preferred bidder for a period of 3-years, with an option to extend for a further 2-year period.

GICB has not apportioned a financial weighting to the finance element of this quotation process. All weighted scores have been allocated to the technical assessment only. Bidders are asked to confirm that their proposal can be delivered within the stated budget for the 3-year period of £30,000 (£10,000 per annum). **Bidders unable to provide the service within this budgetary limit will be excluded from this procurement.**

Organisations interested in providing this service should e-mail an expression of interest (EoI) to paul.wilkinson2@nhs.net no later than 5pm, Wednesday 3 August 2022 and you will be sent a request for quotation pack.