**Lincolnshire Mental Health, Dementia, Learning Disabilities and Autism Alliance**

**Adult and Older Adult Mental Health Community Transformation Programme**

2024/25 Winter Pressures & Warm Spaces VCFSE Opportunities – Expression of Interest for Short Term Funding

## Introduction

NHS system partners in Lincolnshire have allocated funds to work in partnership with a wide range of voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) organisations in Lincolnshire this winter.

As we enter winter 2024/25, we expect we will continue to see increased demands for health services and those requiring additional support in their lives, which are being impacted by the legacy of Covid-19, the cost-of-living crisis, and difficulties with their mental health and wellbeing which are exacerbated by the winter period. We are looking for providers to design, plan and deliver projects which meet the mental health and wellbeing needs of their communities (for adults, and older people) and are aligned to Lincolnshire Winter Pressures, as described later in this document.

***Wider VCFSE organisations may apply under option 1 – winter pressures applications; and Wellbeing Hub / Community Connector Providers may apply under option 2 – Warm Spaces applications.***

We continue to appreciate these are challenging times for third sector partners and have worked to further streamline the process for applying for funding to ensure this is as simple and straightforward as possible, while maintaining our NHS duty to be as robust as we can be with the public’s money. On that basis we have developed a tiered system to ensure that the expression of interest process is proportionate for organisations choosing to bid for funding, including those who already hold an NHS Lincolnshire ICB contract.

If you need support to complete this application, please contact members of the Lincolnshire mental health team who will be pleased to assist you in your application:

* Sara Brine - Head of Mental Health Transformation [sara.brine1@nhs.net](mailto:sara.brine1@nhs.net)
* Janice Smalley – Contract Manager [janice.smalley@nhs.net](mailto:janice.smalley@nhs.net)

## Timeline for applications

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| **Date** | **Milestone** |
| Monday 9th September 2024 | The email mailbox will be open to receive applications. These should be submitted to [agcsu.contract.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:agcsu.contract.enquiries@nhs.net) |
| 10th September at 12.30 pm | Q&A session held to give interested VCFSE sector organisations an opportunity to ask questions about these projects and the process  [**Join the meeting now**](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZmVjMGEwNzItNTFkMC00NzY4LWE2NWQtZGU3NzI5YzM2MjFi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2237c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22cb6be421-3b39-4e1f-b4f2-d50ba825dcba%22%7d) |
| 4th October 2024 at 5.00pm | Deadline to receive applications |
| 7th – 18th October 2024 | Evaluation panels held to decide which applications have been successful |
| 23rd October 2024 | Organisations will be informed of the outcome of their applications |
| 23rd October 2024 | * Mobilisation of successful projects |
| 28th October to 8th November 2024 | * Agreement of contracts / grant awards * Funding awarded * Projects commence |
| 31st March 2025 | * End of project delivery |
| 1st to 30th April 2025 | * Evaluation of funded projects – reports required |

**Option 1 – VCFSE Winter Pressures Applications**

## What are the winter pressures for Lincolnshire?

Each winter health and care organisations experience additional pressures on services due to an increase in demand caused by the cold weather, which exacerbates many health conditions and the spread of viruses such as flu. Services also experience higher staff sickness rates for the same reasons. We continue to work across our health and social care partners to develop a range of interventions to manage these winter pressures in addition to the funding being made available to VCFSE sector organisations.

We need help from our VCFSE sector partners to complement and support our wider winter interventions with proposals for projects focusing on Adult/Older adult mental health and wellbeing support. We know each organisation has the expertise, assets and creativity to support our public services and reduce the demands on them allowing them to focus on caring for those with the most serious and immediate mental health and wellbeing needs.

### Urgent Care

Urgent care involves supporting people who may have a health or social care need and could be at risk of requiring hospital A&E, NHS 111 services or other immediate needs. Some people with non-life-threatening or mental health and wellbeing needs may be better supported in their communities and may have a better experience as a result of this.

We would like to hear from you if you have ideas about how we can support the mental health and wellbeing of adults and older adults to enable self-care or access to alternatives when they do not require A&E, emergency ambulance services or other urgent care services.

### Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

We would like to hear from you if you have ideas about you can help and support adults and older adults with their mental health needs through additional support, especially if this means we can reduce the demands on our statutory specialist mental health services and allow them to focus on those people with the most serious mental health needs. In particular, we are looking for projects which help to support mental health and wellbeing, mitigate social isolation in our communities, help prevent mental health and wellbeing dips, and support people to ‘wait well’.

We would like to hear from you if you have ideas about how you can work (with existing providers to provide additionality) to help and support carers; to ensure their mental health and wellbeing is looked after too.

### Primary Care

Many people with mental health and wellbeing needs access primary care because they feel they have nowhere else to turn but their GPs, who they trust. We would like to hear from you if you have ideas about how you can support people non-clinically to manage their mental health and wellbeing needs where the level of support needed isn’t a General Practice appointment, but they may be better supported in the community.

## What funding is available?

**Winter Pressures:** Expressions of interest are being sought for projects valued to a maximum of **£10,000** per application from eligible Lincolnshire VCFSE organisations.

Option 2 – Warm Spaces Applications

## Expressions of interest are being sought for organisations who *host a NHS Lincolnshire ICB commissioned Community Connector or Wellbeing Hub in Lincolnshire* to work with their local Mental Health partnership groups including Night Light Cafes, to put together a project proposal up to a maximum of **£10,000** to support even more people in communities with their mental health and wellbeing over winter and to ensure that they are supported with their own self-efficacy.

Warm Spaces Expressions of Interest **must** demonstrate elements of the following:

* Interventions which are in addition to those provided by the Wellbeing Hub and Community connector or Night Light Café’s general activities due to increased demands, or specific needs over the winter period.
* People are encouraged to access their identified warm spaces and make connections with wider support such as CAB drop ins/Housing support/Social Prescribing/Peer Support workers in order to reduce isolation, support their wellbeing and help people find the help they need easily and safely. Initiatives could be tagged into existing projects that are already happening but an increased need is demonstrated over winter and could also be partially used to fund additional volunteer hours, if required.
* People are able to learn new skills such as cooking on a budget when accessing the warm space. This could be something like slow cooking on a budget.
* Practical resources to support people to stay warm/be well nourished such as providing a warm meal or blanket.
* Through these projects we are able to prevent people escalating into crisis and reduce the need for statutory services.

In previous years, projects have purchased **Warm Packs** on an individual project basis. If there is a lot of interest, the ICB will look to purchase these centrally to gain the best value. Should you require Warm Packs as part of your Warm Spaces project, please contact Sara Brine ([sara.brine1@nhs.net](mailto:sara.brine1@nhs.net)) by the closing date regarding your requirements.

**Applicants must be a current Community Connector/Wellbeing Hub contract holder with NHS Lincolnshire ICB. one application per Integrated Place-Based Team (IPBT) area, as follows:**

**Trent Lincoln North Lincoln City Lincoln South**

**Boston East Coast East Lindsey Grantham**

**Sleaford Stamford Spalding**

## What funding is available?

**Warm Spaces:** Expressions of interest are being sought for projects valued to a maximum of **£10,000** per application.

## What happens at the end of winter? – Options 1 and 2

The funding which has been secured is limited and is non-recurrent, which means it is for the 2024/25 winter period only, and the requirement therefore is that these short-term schemes will come to an end at the end of March 2025. Health and social care system partners will undertake a review to measure the success and impact these projects have had on delivering what they were designed to do. In some instances where there is good evidence which proves that providers have delivered all intended aims and objectives.

## Is my organisation eligible to apply?

Your organisation **can** apply under **Option 1** if:

* It is a third/voluntary sector (not-for-profit) organisation and is independent of government, private and public sectors, for example, it is a:
  + Registered charity
  + Faith organisation
  + Community interest company (CIC)
  + Charitable Incorporated Organisation
  + Company limited by guarantee
  + Company limited by shares where all shares are held by one of the above (i.e. wholly owned social business subsidiary of a charity)
  + Industrial and Provident Society (IPS) in the form of a Community Benefit Society (BenCom)
  + Financial Mutuals

Your organisation **cannot** apply if you are:

* + A political organisation
  + A statutory organisation
  + An independent sector organisation
  + An individual

Applications under **Option 2** are for those organisations which hold a current NHS Lincolnshire ICB contract for a current Community Connector / Wellbeing Hub. One application per IPBT area, as defined above.

## Tips for your responses

Here are some tips on completion of the form and tips on things that evaluators will be looking out for in a good response. These are important areas for us and form part of the Lincolnshire health and care system’s priorities:

* Some responses require a simple ‘box tick’. To do this double-click the box you wish to tick and select ‘Checked’ from the Check Box Form Field Options dialogue box which appears on your screen.
* Care closer to home is important to people and wherever possible we want services to be delivered in our communities, using existing assets where possible. This is best for service users and their families, and is good social and economic value for communities, local organisations and businesses.
* We ask that you respond in a way which is proportionate to the levels of funding which are being sought, including the amount of detail you provide in your responses. If you are unsure about how much information is required, please ask.
* To ensure the application process is as straightforward as possible all questions are pass / fail so please read the questions and instructions against each question carefully before providing a response.
* Addressing health inequalities is an important priority that we give consideration to in everything we do. It is important that services are designed to best meet the needs of the public generally and specific communities and segments of our population with protected characteristics that can find accessing some services challenging, including marginalised groups, LGBTQ+, people with disabilities, and particularly communities that are socially and economically disadvantaged such as the Lincolnshire East Coast. Equity of access means that all people have the information they need - regardless of age, education, ethnicity, language, income, physical limitations or geographic barriers. It means they are able to obtain information in a variety of formats - electronic, as well as print. It also means they are free to exercise their right to know without fear of censorship or reprisal.
* Social and economic value is an important factor that we expect all our partners to embrace. As employers and providers of services we all have a duty to work closely together and with local communities and businesses to add value and improve skills and employment opportunities. By “thinking locally” organisations should work together to support the sustainability of each other, particularly in terms of the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and the cost-of-living challenges.
* All organisations have a duty to reduce carbon emissions, be greener and contribute to making our local communities cleaner and more pleasant places to live, work and visit. All organisations have a responsibility to ensure this is true of themselves and their value chain partners and suppliers.
* In the spirit of collaboration, we encourage organisations to work together and draw on the strengths of partner members. We therefore welcome joint applications from organisations that wish to work together in a joined-up way either as a consortium of providers, a joint venture or with a lead provider and identified supply chain partners (sub-contractors).

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**Expression of Interest Application Form**

The Expression of Interest Application Form is split in to four parts:

* Part A and Part B is for ALL applicants to complete.
* Part C is for applicants who **DO NOT** hold a current NHS Lincolnshire ICB contract only.
* Part D is the Declaration for all applicants to sign.

**PART A – All applicants**

**1) Please confirm which fund you are applying for**

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| **Option 1** - Winter Pressures VCFSE Applications |  | |
| **Option 2** - Warm Spaces  If applying for Warm Spaces funding, please confirm your IPBT area |  | IPBT:  Do you want warm packs? If so, how many?............. |

**2) Your organisation**

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| **Organisation name** |  |
| **Registered office address** |  |
| **Registered charity number or equivalent** |  |

Please provide full contact details for 2 members of your organisation

**3) Lead contact**

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| **Name/Role** |  |
| **Telephone number** |  |
| **Email address** |  |

**4) Secondary contact**

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| **Name/Role** |  |
| **Telephone number** |  |
| **Email address** |  |

**5) What type of organisation are you? (tick all that apply) – option 1 applicants only**

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| Unincorporated Association |  |  |
| Company Limited by Guarantee |  |  |
| Registered Charity |  |  |
| Charitable Incorporated Organisation |  |  |
| Community Interest Company |  |  |
| Community Benefit Society |  |  |
| Cooperative Society |  |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |  |

**6) Please provide two references - option 1 applicants only**

**Reference 1**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Telephone number** |  |
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**Reference 2**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Address** |  |
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**7) Do you currently hold a contract for services with NHS Lincolnshire ICB?**

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| **Response** | **T** | **Comments** |
| No |  | Please complete Parts A, B, C & D of this form |
| Yes |  | Please complete Parts A, B & D of this form only |

**PART B – All applicants**

**8) Please detail project proposal and service delivery model for the Winter Pressures/Warm Spaces Project proposed in accordance with the guidance above.**

**Your response should include, but not be limited to:**

* **A detailed explanation of the service delivery model including any delivery partners and sub-contractors. A description of how your organisation will ensure all relevant aspects of the Winter Pressures Guidance criteria will be delivered to service users and demonstrate how this is over and above normal project delivery**
* **Management and staffing, including a brief description of roles. This should include details of how the grant or contract will be managed**
* **Contingency working arrangements to cover for planned and unplanned increases in demand and staff absences**
* **Details of where the project will operate from**
* **Contingency working arrangements to manage the impact of pandemics or other issues affecting business continuity**
* **Your approach to monitoring high quality service standards and safeguarding vulnerable people accessing the project**
* **You may want to include a case study which demonstrates successful beneficiary engagement in a similar project .**

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**9) Please provide a brief summary of how you will mobilise the service in time for the agreed start date of the project, describing the key tasks and milestones, as well as the key roles of those that will be involved in the implementation team.**

**Your response should include:**

* **A plan in an appropriate format (e.g. a timeline) describing how you will mobilise the service**
* **levels of demand and activities, or timescales for when this will be achieved**
* **Key tasks and milestones**
* **Key contacts, including leadership**
* **Information about how you will work in collaboration with any key partners and stakeholders**
* **Identification of any risks associated with the successful mobilisation and delivery of this service, and how you will manage and mitigate these potential risks**

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| **Response** |
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**10) Please describe your arrangements for the management and performance monitoring applicable to this project.**

**Your response should include, but not be limited to:**

* **How you will collate, analyse and report information to evidence achievement of specification (or service description) outcomes and performance monitoring requirements; considering sources, methods, systems and resources**
* **How will you use this information to develop the service and assure continuous improvement?**
* **What measures will you put in place to monitor delivery of the service in order to meet the requirements of the specification (or service description), and how will you communicate this information to commissioners**
* **How you will approach and resource the management relationship with the ICB.**

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| **Response** |
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**11) Please confirm that for all your staff who would work in the service have the appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service Checks.**

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| **Response** | **T** | **Comments** |
| No |  |  |
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**12) Social Value and Sustainability**

**Social Value is the wider benefit gained by a local community from the delivery of public authority contracts. Please describe and quantify, where possible, how your organisation, will deliver creative, innovative, efficient, added value solutions/initiatives through the project that contribute towards Social Value.**

**Your response could include, but not be limited to:**

* **Helping local communities to manage and recover from the impact of Covid-19 and cost of living challenges**
* **Creating new jobs, skills and social opportunities**
* **Carbon and single use waste reduction plans**
* **Improving supplier diversity, innovation, increased supply chain resilience and capacity**
* **VCFSE provider sustainability**
* **Building healthier, safer and more resilient communities.**

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| **13) Funding breakdown \***  **\* Winter Pressures – up to £10,000**  **\* Warm Spaces – up to £10,000 (Warm Packs funded separately where requested)** | | | |
| **Description of item** | **Breakdown of calculations** (if required) | **Item Cost** | **Amount Requested** |
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| **Total cost of project requested** | | | **£** |

**NOTE:** these costs should **not** include capital costs, delivery of training, activities that happen or start before we confirm the funding, Food expenses – unless they are integral to the project, like a lunch club. Alcohol, Prizes and awards, such as tombola/raffle prizes or trophies, Advanced and/or expensive IT equipment, Websites, including domain names, design, and hosting (there are many free options available), Professional fees – lawyers, surveyors, architects, etc., Political activities (including lobbying) or religious activities, Management costs over 10%, Employee oncosts over 20%, Projects that cannot be completed within the time frame of this funding i.e. by end March 2025, Generic blanket applications where it is not clear what is being funded, Funding which benefits only one/minimal individual(s), Funding for loan payments, outstanding debt, or interest. Clinical services that require CQC registration.

**PART C – applicants who DO NOT hold a current NHS Lincolnshire ICB contract or grant only – Please complete**

**14) Please tell us which policies you have in place:**

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| **Policy** | **T** | **Comments** |
| Health & Safety  Including details of the 'competent person' for provision of health and safety advice within your organisation as required by the Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1992. Please provide name, job title, proof of any health and safety qualifications/training, including experience and knowledge of their particular field. If externally provided, please also include the name and address of the organisation. |  |  |
| Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Human Rights |  |  |
| Public and/or Employer Liability Insurance |  |  |
| Risk Assessments (including Covid-19 precautions) (if applicable to project) |  |  |
| Safeguarding Adults and Children (including Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Standards where appropriate) |  |  |
| Business Continuity / Disaster Recovery / Emergency Preparedness Resilience and Response Plan |  |  |
| Serious or Adverse Incidents |  |  |
| Managing complaints |  |  |

**15) Please confirm if consortia, partnership or subcontracting arrangements apply to your application**

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| **Response** | **T** | **Comments** |
| No |  |  |
| Yes  If "Yes" please describe the consortia, partnership or subcontracting arrangements |  |  |

**16) Please self-certify whether you already have, or can commit to obtaining prior to the commencement of the project, the levels of insurance cover indicated below:**

* **Employer’s (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = £5m**
* **Public Liability Insurance = a minimum of £1m**

**\*It is a legal requirement that all companies hold Employer’s (Compulsory) Liability Insurance of £5m as a minimum. Please note this requirement is not applicable to Sole Traders.**

**It is your responsibility to ensure that your Public Liability Insurance cover appropriately covers your business and service provided.**

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| **Response** | **T** | **Comments** |
| No |  |  |
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**17) Have any insurance or legal claims been upheld against your organisation within the last 36 months in relation to delivering this or a similar service?**

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| **Response** | **T** | **Comments** |
| No |  |  |
| Yes  If "Yes", please provide further details. |  |  |

**18) Have any actual and/or threatened litigation, professional or regulatory or other legal proceedings been made against your own organisation or related organisation or relevant service, within the past three years?**

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| **Response** | **T** | **Comments** |
| No |  |  |
| Yes  If "Yes", please provide further details. |  |  |

**19) Has your organisation or any of its Directors or Executive Officers been in receipt of enforcement/remedial orders in relation to the Health and Safety Executive (or equivalent body) in the last 3 years?**

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| **Response** | **T** | **Comments** |
| No |  |  |
| Yes  If “Yes”, please attach details of any enforcement/remedial orders served and give details of any remedial action or changes to procedures you have made as a result |  |  |

**20) Has your organisation been convicted of breaching environmental legislation, or had any notice served upon it, in the last three years by any environmental regulator or authority (including local authority)?**

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| **Response** | **T** | **Comments** |
| No |  |  |
| Yes  If "Yes”, please provide details of the conviction or notice and details of any remedial action or changes you have made as a result of conviction or notices served |  |  |

**21) Has your organisation, within the last five years, either;**

**a) withdrawn from a contract after the contract has been offered (i.e. the organisation has been selected as Preferred Bidder) or awarded (either before or after commencement of the contract)**

**b) had a contract ended or suspended by the client earlier than the originally intended date?**

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| **Response** | **T** | **Comments** |
| No |  |  |
| Yes  If "Yes" please provide an explanation of the circumstances. |  |  |

**22) Please attach a summary of the last 2 years profit and loss and balance sheet (even if unaudited). If you do not have 2 years’ worth, please supply as many as you have.**

**Alternatively, please provide a link to where your accounts are published on the Charities Commission website -** [**Search the register of charities (charitycommission.gov.uk)**](https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search)

**If you do not have accounts, then you must attach a reference from your bank**

**Please provide one of the following to demonstrate your economic/financial standing.**

* **A copy of the audited accounts (or unaudited if you qualify for an exemption under the small companies legislation) for the most recent two years. This should include a statement of the turnover, profit & loss account, current liabilities and assets, and cash flow for the most two recent years of trading for this organisation**
* **A statement of the cash flow forecast for the current year and a bank letter outlining the current cash and credit position showing a projected positive cash flow (after adjusting for investments in fixed assets)**
* **Alternative means of demonstrating financial status if any of the above are not available (e.g. forecast of turnover for the current year and a statement of funding provided by the owners and/or the bank, charity accruals accounts or an alternative means of demonstrating financial status) which demonstrate positive financial stability and/or an absence of short-term cash flow issues. If you are a new business then please submit any accounts that you have and provide a business plan and unaudited trading forecast etc. This document must be signed by your Accountant or Bank. Please also provide a reference from your bank confirming the viability of the business.**

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**23) Has your organisation completed the NHS Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT) with a current NHS Digital published minimum ‘standards met’ status.**

**If “No” please attach a Data Security and Protection Toolkit Assessment report as an Action Plan that clearly demonstrates how your organisation will meet the required standards contained in the DSPT by the required national submission date; please include named person, and dates evidence will be achieved by.  
  
Please provide the Organisation Code (ODS). If the ODS Code refers to an organisation name that is different to the organisation name provided in A1 (i.e. parent/holding company), please explain why.**  
  
**Note to Bidder: These details will be checked and verified using the following organisation search facility:** [**https://www.dsptoolkit.nhs.uk/OrganisationSearch**](https://www.dsptoolkit.nhs.uk/OrganisationSearch) **and/or the** [[**NHS Digital ODS Portal**](https://odsportal.digital.nhs.uk/Organisation/Search)](https://odsportal.digital.nhs.uk/Organisation/Search)

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| **Response** | **T** | **Comments** |
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**24) Please enter your Data Protection Registration number.   
  
Note to Bidder: These details will be checked and verified using the following organisation search facility:** [**https://ico.org.uk/ESDWebPages/Search**](https://ico.org.uk/ESDWebPages/Search) **If the Data Protection Registration number refers to an organisation name that is different to the organisation name provided in A1 (i.e. parent/holding company), or is not currently listed on the register, please explain why.**

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|  | **Response:** |
| Data protection registration number |  |

**25) Who has responsibility for Data Security and Protection, and how has this responsibility been formally assigned?**

**Give the name(s) of the person or people within your organisation with overall responsibility for data security and protection. Then, for each person, describe how this responsibility has been formally assigned to them. For instance, this responsibility could form part of their job description, or be noted in the minutes of a management meeting or be in an email from the appropriate director in your organisation. Your organisation may also have additional specialised roles, for example a Data Protection Officer (DPO).**

**Note: Due to the distinct nature of the Caldicott Guardian/Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO) roles and to prevent any possible conflict of interests the two roles MUST NOT be held by one person.**

[**Read more about data security and protection responsibilities and specialised roles for your ‘Type’ of organisation type 1, type 3, type 4] (**[**https://www.digitalsocialcare.co.uk/resource/data-security-and-protection-responsibilities/)**](https://www.digitalsocialcare.co.uk/resource/data-security-and-protection-responsibilities/))

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| **Response** |
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**26) Will you or any of your partners/subcontractors/3rd Parties be processing or storing Personal Confidential Data (PCD), in relation to this project, outside of the UK?   
  
If yes, please provide details of the arrangement and an overview of any outsourcing contracts regarding this with information on compliance with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) on transfer of data outside of the UK.  
  
If no, please state No as your response.**

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| **Response** | **T** | **Comments** |
| No |  |  |
| Yes  If yes, please provide details of the arrangement and an overview of any outsourcing contracts regarding this with information on compliance with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) on transfer of data outside of the UK and European Union. |  |  |

**27) Please describe how does your organisation, as a whole demonstrate compliance with Public Sector Equality Duty and ensures that suitable equality considerations are made during their decision-making process and how is this evidenced. Your response should include:**

**Your response should consider how your organisation:**

* **Recognises the application of the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) to it, in terms of delivering services to the NHS**
* **Eliminates unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act**
* **Advances equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not**
* **Fosters good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not**
* **Tackling health inequalities**
* **Analysis and an understanding of the population in the geographical area this service will cover, broken down by protected characteristics**
* **Understanding of the specific needs of this population in terms of local health inequalities, access to the service and positive health outcomes**
* **How you will ensure that all service users and carers experience equity of access to the service including those with interpretation and translation needs**

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| **Response** |
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**PART D – all applicants**

**Declaration**

I have read and understood the Terms & Conditions of the funding and confirm to adhere to these conditions if this application is successful:

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| **Name (signature not required)** |  |
| **Role in organisation** |  |
| **Date** |  |

Upon completion, please send your application to [agcsu.contract.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:agcsu.contract.enquiries@nhs.net).

**Deadline:** **4th October 2024 @ 5pm.**