

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust & Buckinghamshire Culture Artists' Brief

Creative Arts and Wellbeing Project

1. Project Summary

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust (BHT) and Buckinghamshire Culture wish to appoint an artist/creative/collective to work with patients and staff on site at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Buckinghamshire, in order to create a new 2D or 3D art installation for the site. We are seeking an artist with experience of creative arts supporting wellbeing and working with people in a healthcare setting. We are looking for someone capable of inspiring people and encouraging them to get involved and create and shape new work together or individually. We want to see a final piece that shows pride in Buckinghamshire and the BHT community.

2. Background

BHT is a major provider of integrated hospital and community services for people living in Buckinghamshire and the surrounding area. We provide care to over half a million patients every year. We have over 6,000 highly trained clinical staff. This includes doctors, nurses, midwives, health visitors, therapists, and healthcare scientists. We are a regional specialist centre for burns care, plastic surgery, stroke and cardiac services and dermatology. We also provide specialist spinal services at our world renowned National Spinal Injuries Centre. We deliver our services from a network of facilities including a range of community settings such as health centres, schools, patients' own homes, community hospitals and community hubs.

Buckinghamshire Culture is the cultural partnership for the county, driving forward a vision for a bright creative and cultural future in Bucks.

We are working together to co-commission a project designed to bring inspiration and joy, as well as reflection and calming benefits to our site. We want to show the value of arts and creativity in wellbeing and are keen to engage staff and patients in developing a new artwork – all of whom have had a very difficult time during Covid-19. We wish to see a temporary or permanent artwork installed on site – exactly where is up for discussion based on the artists' interests – that shows pride in Buckinghamshire and our community and upholds the BHT values of Collaborate, Aspire, Respect and Enable, or the concept of 'One Team one Goal'.

3. Commission Aim

Aim: to engage staff and patients at our Stoke Mandeville Hospital BHT site in development of a new artwork to bring inspiration and joy, as well as space for reflection and calming benefits to our site. We wish for the final work to show pride in Buckinghamshire and our community.

Objectives:

- a) To engage staff and patients on site at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in developing a new artwork through creative and therapeutic activities
- b) To enable a cohort of staff and patients to engage in activity to support their wellbeing, through engaging with the arts and creativity

- c) To develop, fabricate and install a high quality 2D or 3D final artwork on site, which may be temporary or permanent, which shows pride in Buckinghamshire and its community.
- d) To create a final piece that is practically able to be installed and maintained on site on a temporary or permanent basis, in discussion with BHT facilities team
- e) To pilot activity that shows the value of arts and creativity to wellbeing of the population of our healthcare settings – collecting evidence of this value throughout engagement.

The patients at BHT may be experiencing challenges and we are keen to work with artists who have experience of working in healthcare settings previously.

4. Management and Reporting

Regular reporting meetings will be scheduled to review progress.

These will be held by Buckinghamshire Culture and BHT representatives.

We aim to work with a photographer to document delivery of this commission and the final output.

5. Budget

We are opening an expression of interest process, from which we will select 3 artists to receive £350 in order to visit the BHT site and explore the available spaces for their work before submitting a more detailed proposal.

A budget of £7,640 inclusive of any VAT to be charged is available to the final selected candidate for the community engagement, development, fabrication and install of the artwork.

This is a fully inclusive fee. There is no additional budget for materials.

6. Skills and Experience

We are seeking an artist(s) able to work in collaboration with staff and patients, to inspire them and empower them to help shape the project.

The successful applicant will have experience of working in healthcare settings. They will be able to show their track record of community engagement and delivery of work of scale indoors or outdoors, producing high quality outputs that those involved can be proud of. They will hold public liability insurance and a DBS certificate.

7. Selection Process/Criteria

To submit an expression of interest, please provide the items in the table below:

Please submit the following:	How this will be used for assessment:
Up to 1 A4 page outlining: Artist statement or description of your work/process Sharing relevant experience	Assessed for: Experience of similar delivery Ability to work with the target audience Appropriateness of discipline and approach Quality of process/approach

Up to date CV	Experience of similar delivery Quality of work
Up to three examples of previous work	Assessed for quality, ethos of co-production, vibrancy

A panel from BHT and Buckinghamshire Culture will shortlist 3 artists, who will be offered a fee to visit the site, explore spaces and submit a detailed proposal before final selection takes place.

8. Timescales

Deadline for expressions of interest: 9am, 10th August 2022

Site visits for those shortlisted: w/c 15th August 2022.

Detailed proposals due by: 24th August 2022

Delivery period: September-November 2022

9. Submission of Proposal

Please email the three items outlined in the table above to Lallie:

Lallie@buckinghamshireculture.org by 9am, 10th August 2022

10. Further Information

For further information please contact: Lallie – Lallie@buckinghamshireculture.org