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CP2506-24 Health and Wellbeing Services into Atkinson Secure Children's Home

Devon County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

CP2506-24 Health and Wellbeing Services into Atkinson Secure Children's Home

Reference number

DN719157

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This notice is placed to set out Devon County Council's intention to follow the Most Suitable Provider Process under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 to recommission the following health and wellbeing services into Atkinson Secure Children's Home:

- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- Nurse Service
- Speech and Language Therapy Service

The contract will commence on 1st April 2025 and will expire on 31st March 2029.

There is an option to potentially extend the contract for a further 3 periods of 12 months.

Atkinson Secure Childrens Home is a purpose-built welfare only secure unit in Exeter which is managed by Devon County Council and provides full residential care, healthcare, and education on site in dedicated facilities. The home is registered for 8 young people who are aged between 10 and 17 years-old and accommodated under section 25 of the Childrens Act 1989. The home has been operating for over 30-years and young people are placed with in

Atkinson due to either having a history of absconding or are likely to abscond, likely to suffer significant harm or likely to injure themselves or others.

Atkinson secure children's home provides a nurturing and caring atmosphere which develops young people's confidence and self-esteem. All staff are trained in attachment, trauma and restorative approaches enabling the home to effectively manage behaviour and repair relationships. In the most recent Ofsted Inspection in September 2023, Atkinson Secure Childrens Home received a grading of 'Outstanding', prior to which they had maintained a grading of 'Good' for 6-years.

Feedback following the inspection noted that "The secure children's home provides highly effective services that consistently exceed the standards of good. The actions of the children's home contribute to significantly improved outcomes and positive experiences for children and young people who need help, protection and care."

Devon County Council currently have a section 10/75 agreement with NHS England to commission the health and wellbeing services. The section 10/75 in place in this arrangement constitutes a transition between the previous Section 10 and an intention to align to Section 75 agreements throughout the secure estate.

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Childrens Act 2004 and Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 the Local Authority must make arrangements to promote co-operation between the authority and the authority's relevant partners. These arrangements are to be made with a view to improving the well-being of children in the authority's area relating to their physical and mental health and emotional well-being. For this purpose, NHS England is a relevant partner of the local authority with an area of responsibility which falls within the area of the authority.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK4 - Devon

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II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial contract period is 1st April 2025 - 31st March 2029 (48 months).

There is an option to extend for a further 3 periods of 12 months at the Authority's discretion, as follows:

1st April 2029 - 31st March 2030

1st April 2030 - 31st March 2031

1st April 2031 - 31st March 2032

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

27 February 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Award decisions will be recommended by Devon County Council's Children's Strategic Commissioning team, with key decision makers being:

Senior Commissioning Manager of Children's Services, Manager Secure Accommodation, Assistant Commissioner of Children and Young People and Non-Custodial Services, and Senior Commissioning Manager of Children and Young People and Non-Custodial Services

The specifications can be found on Supplying the South West (see section I.3 of this notice for details on how to access the opportunity), along with a Provider Information Request (PIR) and Basic Selection Criteria Questionnaire (BSCQ) document. Interested providers must complete and return this document before noon on 24th January 2025. Those who meet the mandatory criteria set out within the BSCQ may be invited to complete and submit the Further Provider Information Request to provide the further information required to determine the most suitable provider.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations do not apply to this award.