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Contract

Integrated Advocacy Service

Staffordshire County Council

F20: Modification notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02b6d3

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.staffordshire.gov.uk

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Integrated Advocacy Service

Reference number

IA2419

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Staffordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

The Council wishes to commission an Integrated Advocacy Service for the provision of statutory advocacy for eligible Individuals across Staffordshire.

The Council has invited suppliers to tender for an integrated approach to the coordination and delivery of a range of statutory advocacy services outlined below:

- a) Independent Advocacy under the Care Act 2014;
- b) Independent Advocacy for Prisoners under the Care Act 2014;

c) Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA) including Deprivation of Liberty

Safeguards and Trained Representatives. Where the Individual has no family/friends

to represent them, an advocate and/or trained person may be appointed to be the Rule 1.2 Representative;

d) Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA); and

e) Independent Health Complaints Advocacy Service (ICAS).

In the provision of the Services, the Provider will:

a. Provide a single point of access model that promotes a triage approach to ensure

Individuals get the right advice, support and/or services required;

b. Make use of digital;

c. Recognise the benefits of strength-based and an Asset Based Approach improving health and wellbeing, promoting independence and building community capacity;

d. Be strongly encouraged to develop a model that uses volunteers to fulfil some the roles where it is safe and appropriate to do so; it adds value to and improves the outcomes of the Service; and provides a valuable experience to the volunteer; and

e. Target and support those with greatest need.

The tender was procured via an open tender process.

Tenderers were able to submit as a provider or lead provider in the form of a consortia, or partnership arrangement or through sub-contracting arrangements with other organisations to deliver all of the service requirements within the Service Specification.

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

Duration in months

Section IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

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Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

IA2419

Title

Integrated Advocacy Service

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

3 December 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract/concession has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Asist

Stoke-on-Trent

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Companies House

03068125

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £1,889,868

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Staffordshire County Council

Stafford

Country

United Kingdom

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

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In the provision of the Services, the Provider will:

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- b. Make use of digital;
- c. Recognise the benefits of strength-based and an Asset Based Approach to improving health and wellbeing, promoting independence and building community capacity;
- d. Be strongly encouraged to develop a model that uses volunteers to fulfil some of the roles where it is safe and appropriate to do so; it adds value to and improves the outcomes of the Service; and provides a valuable experience to the volunteer; and
- e. Target and support those with greatest need.

The tender will be procured via an open tender process.

Tenderers may submit as a provider or lead provider in the form of a consortia, or partnership arrangement or through sub-contracting arrangements with other organisations to deliver all of the service requirements within the Service Specification.

VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Duration in months

48

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£1,889,868

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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Stoke-on-Trent

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Companies House

03068125

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the

contract):

To increase the Price to accommodate the extra capacity required to help alleviate the demand pressures.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee.

Description of the circumstances which rendered the modification necessary and explanation of the unforeseen nature of these circumstances:

The Council and the Provider have identified that the increasing volume and complexity of referrals being received.

The Council has agreed an increase in funding to support the recruitment of an additional advocate.

The ICB have confirmed funding for a continuation of the Collected Stories project for a further year for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.

VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £2,289,368

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £2,551,214.54