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Tender

Children and Young People's Advocacy and Independent Visitor Service

Cheshire East Council

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Scope

Reference

C4311

Description

Cheshire East Borough Council is seeking to secure a single provider to deliver Advocacy, Independent Visitor services for Children and Young People and age assessment for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC).

The requirement is divided into three offers, all to be provided by a single supplier. These offers are as follows:

- Offer 1 - Advocacy, including an opt out model for children and young people open to child protection aged 8-18
- Offer 2 - Independent Visitor Service
- Offer 3 - Spot purchase to provide advocacy support for children who are subject to an

age assessment

To access this competition and review the full description of the scope of Services - please visit www.the-chest.org.uk, project ID DN801007.

The contract will be awarded for an initial term of 36 months, with the possibility of 2 x12-month extensions. Any extension will be at the sole discretion of the Council.

Total value (estimated)

- £747,800 excluding VAT
- £897,360 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2029
- Possible extension to 31 May 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

2 x 12 month extensions are available to be used at the Council's discretion.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKD62 - Cheshire East

Submission

Enquiry deadline

28 January 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

4 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders must be submitted at <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

The Chest project reference: DN801007

Unrestricted access to this opportunity is available via The Chest North West Portal, register for free at <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/> and express an interest in the project. ID DN801007

The values given in this notice are only estimations and take into account the extension option - the Council gives no guarantee or warranty or makes any representation as to the accuracy of any indicative volumes.

The Council reserves the right not to award the opportunity or to award only part (or a different arrangement) of the opportunity described in this contract notice.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

14 April 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	70%
Pricing	Price	30%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Documents

Associated tender documents

<http://www.the-chest.org.uk>

To access this competition and download the full suite of tender documents - please visit www.the-chest.org.uk, project ID DN801007.

Contracting authority

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