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Contract

## **2023 Support Service for Carers in Aberdeenshire**

Aberdeenshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04030b

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00232](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00232)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

2023 Support Service for Carers in Aberdeenshire

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Aberdeenshire Council, on behalf of the Health and Social Care Partnership and Education and Children's Services, are seeking to commission a range of supports and resources for both adult and young carers. The Service will aim to improve the quality of life for carers through an outcomes led approach, providing the right level of intervention, at the right time. The Service will be flexible and designed to meet the needs of carers in Aberdeenshire.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £3,760,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

Main site or place of performance

Aberdeenshire

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Aberdeenshire Council, on behalf of the Health and Social Care Partnership and Education and Children's Services, are seeking to commission a range of supports and resources for both adult and young carers. The Service will aim to improve the quality of life for carers through an outcomes led approach, providing the right level of intervention, at the right time. The Service will be flexible and designed to meet the needs of carers in Aberdeenshire.

Key Service Aims:

- Identification of carers through contact with the Health and Social Care teams, Education and Children's Services, other third sector organisations and development of innovative ways to engage with hidden or marginalised carers;
- Provide carers with information, advice and enable them to access resources within their communities;
- Support carers to complete either an Adult Carer Support Plan or Young Carer Statement; and where this is declined, record and plan other support that is available through the service
- Support carers to complete either an Adult Carer Support Plan or Young Carer Statement; and where eligible refer to the carers team for an SDS budget. Where carers are not eligible for SDS the service will provide support to enable carers to meet their identified outcomes
- Support carers during transitions within their caring role;
- Support at the point of hospital discharge;
- Manage short break funding provided by the Scottish Government through Shared Care Scotland;
- Carer involvement and consultation;
- Support carers to maintain their own health and well-being;
- Provide training and development opportunities to enable carers to continue in their caring role;
- Development role.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure**

Information about national procedures is available at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2015/446/contents/made>

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

Technical envelope 90

Commercial envelope 10

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### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-028051](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

15 January 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

'Aberdeen Association of Social Service T/A VSA

38 Castle Street

Aberdeen

AB11 5YU

Telephone

+44 1224358632

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM5 - North Eastern Scotland

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £3,760,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,615,497

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

1. The Council shall obtain a Creditsafe credit check and will score bidders accordingly:

71 - 100 Very Low Risk – Accept

51 - 70 Low Risk - Accept

30 - 50 Moderate Risk – subject to further discussion internally with the option to reject.

21-29 High Risk – subject to further discussion internally with the option to reject.

1-20 Very High Risk – Reject.

\*The following applies if no credit check can be undertaken:

2. Please state current turnover (if contract value is over 50% of reported turnover, further discussion will be had internally with the option to reject).

3. If you are under no obligation to publish accounts on Companies House and/or do not have a comprehensive credit rating then provide audited financial accounts for the previous two years. Both quick and current ratios should be a minimum of 1:1.5 for the two successive years. Bidders whose ratios do not meet the minimum criteria will be rejected. Bidders who can provide audited accounts but chose not to do so shall be rejected.

4. Bidders who have been trading for less than one year and cannot provide audited accounts must submit the cash flow for the current year and a letter from the bank outlining the current cash and credit position for the current year and subsequent year. This will be subject to internal discussion with the option to reject.

5. If bidder still does not meet the financial criteria for consideration but has a parent company that does, the firm may still be eligible for consideration where their submission is supported by a parent company guarantee.

It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Employer's Liability Insurance = 10m

Public Liability Insurance = 5m

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Aberdeen Sheriff Court

Castle Street

Aberdeen

Country

United Kingdom