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Tender

## **Mental Health Peer Support Service within North Ayrshire**

North Ayrshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00337](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00337)

### **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

### **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**

Mental Health Peer Support Service within North Ayrshire

Reference number

NAC/5120

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

North Ayrshire Council (“NAC”) requires the provision of a mental health peer support service within North Ayrshire.

The service provides one-to-one befriending/social support and activity-based group support with the aim of supporting people to engage with their local communities. The service is accessible to adults aged between 18 and 65, residing in North Ayrshire, who have a recognised or diagnosed mental health problem.

The anticipated start date is 1st April 2023 until 31st March 2025 with the option to extend by up to 24 months until 31st March 2027. Extensions will be at the sole discretion of NAC and subject to satisfactory performance and funding.

The budget for this contract is 80,000 GBP per annum / 320,000 GBP over the maximum 4 year contract duration. However, the budget includes an anticipated 2.5% increase year on year aligned to the Scottish Living Wage and subject to available Scottish Government settlement.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 85323000 - Community health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

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

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## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £320,000

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

48

## **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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Bidders may be excluded if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 8 and 9 of the Procurement (Scotland) Regulations 2016.

Bidders must have a minimum yearly specific turnover of 160,000 GBP for the last 3 years in the business area covered by the contract.

NAC reserve the right to review the bidder's financial information using company watch financial analytics at tender stage and throughout the life of the contract. If the bidder's financial health score (H-Score) is 25 or less further information/clarifications will be requested to ensure the equivalent economic and financial standing is adhered too. If this information or the clarifications are not satisfactory, the bidder will be excluded from the tender process.

Bidders who can't meet the required level of turnover will be excluded from the tender process. Where turnover information is not available, the bidder will be required to state the date which they were set up or started trading.

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

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

- Public Liability Insurance 1,000,000 GBP unlimited and each and every claim
- Employers Liability Insurance 5,000,000 GBP unlimited and each and every claim
- 3rd Party Motor Vehicle Insurance

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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:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Government/Procurement>

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

In order to achieve the most economically advantageous tender, a quality ratio of 100% will be used. There is no weighting against price as the budget for this contract has already been set.

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

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

27 February 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

If required, bidders are required to be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade registers within the country in which they are established.

Bidders must confirm if they hold the particular authorisation or memberships.

Bidders are required to provide 2 examples of services carried out in the past 3 years that demonstrates they have the relevant experience to deliver the services described in the Contract Notice. The services must be of a similar value, size and scope. Unsatisfactory experience will result in exclusion from the tender process.

Bidders must also provide 2 satisfactory references for the same 2 contracts on the reference templates provided. References should be completed and signed by previous customers for contracts of a similar value, size and scope. If any of the referees score the bidder less than 2 the bidder will be excluded from the tender process. Completed experience and reference templates must be zipped and uploaded at question 4C.1 of the qualification envelope.

Bidders are required to confirm whether they intend to subcontract and, if so, for what proportion of the contract.

Bidders who intend to subcontract more than 25% to any individual organisation must ensure the SPD (Scotland) - Subcontractors Supplier Response is completed and uploaded at question 2C.1.

Lots are not being used for this tender for the reason stated below:

Nature of the contract not suitable for lots

Requires additional contract management resource which is not available

Quality Management Procedures

1. The bidder must hold a UKAS (or equivalent) accredited independent third-party certificate of compliance in accordance with BS EN ISO 9001 (or equivalent) or a documented policy regarding quality management, see attachment at SPD question 4D.1.

The contract terms are NAC's Conditions of Contract.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 23216. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see: <https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Community benefits will be required on a voluntary basis for:

1. Fair Work: promotion of job opportunities within North Ayrshire; employability targets for specific priority groups.
2. Upskilling (including curriculum development): work experience placements; taster sessions; training opportunities; work within education establishments.
3. Entrepreneurial, Inclusive and Sustainable Economy: monitoring spend within North Ayrshire; with micro, small and medium enterprises; and the Third Sector.
4. Wish List: delivery of community and Third Sector requests for support from the NAC Community Benefit Wish List.  
(<http://northayrshire.community/community-benefits-wishlist-application-form/>)

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

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

Kilmarnock Sheriff Court

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