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Planning

Childrens Residential Care Home

South Tyneside Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-039bcd

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=850477d4-7ea0-ed11-811f-005056b64545&p=1c9e782c-541e-e611-8114-000c29c9ba21>

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

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Childrens Residential Care Home

Reference number

S8405

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

South Tyneside Council is seeking expressions of interest to further develop our children's residential care services within the borough. Currently we have limited levels of service and capacity to meet the needs of our children and young people who require residential care in borough.

Many of our children who are in residential care, are cared for outside of South Tyneside and away from their families and communities. The current children's residential care market means it is increasingly difficult to place our children and young people who require residential care either in or out of borough.

We are looking to develop our capacity in borough for the provision of high quality and sustainable residential care services. We would welcome your input on the best approach to accommodation and are open to exploring the potential for South Tyneside Council to provide the building/accommodation.

Any new residential care services must meet the national requirements for the provision of children's residential care provision and be registered with Ofsted.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/541/contents/made>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofsted-and-cqc-joint-registration-guidance-childrens-homes-and-health-care/childrens-homes-and-health-care-registration-with-ofsted-or-cqc>

Regulated Childrens Home's providing care for between 1 and 6 Children/Young People.

The Childrens Home must be located within the South Tyneside borough.

Primary needs of the Children and Young People may vary, we would encourage consideration of the categories of registration in relation to your organisational experience of working within these.

The categories are:

- children with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties (EBD)
- children with physical disabilities (PD)
- children with learning disabilities (LD)
- children with mental disorders, excluding learning disability (MD)
- children with present drug dependence (D)
- children with present alcohol dependence (A)
- children with sensory impairment (SI)

The Children's Home will provide 24/7 accommodation and care, delivered by experienced and qualified staff, under The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015. The key principles for residential childcare should be embedded within the culture and ethos of the Home (Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards)

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC22 - Tyneside

Main site or place of performance

Borough of South Tyneside

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

South Tyneside Council is conducting a Soft Market Testing Exercise (SMTE) in order to

seek the market's views on the provision of a children's residential care home within South Tyneside.

The SMTE is for information only and in no way forms part of any competitive tendering process, it is only to assess the reaction of the market and thus make any potential procurement process more focused and efficient. Written submissions will therefore not be evaluated, scored or taken into assessment of tenders in any future process in any way.

The information that you provide will help inform the procurement process for a children's residential care service in South Tyneside.

The benefits to your organisation in participating in this process include;

- The chance to assess whether the opportunity will be suitable and of interest to you.
- Ensuring that specifications and budgets are realistic and market-focused.
- The chance to raise any risks, concerns or issues regarding the potential opportunity.

Your responses are highly valued and will assist us in determining the most appropriate approach to the market and in creating a procurement process which is well-framed, focused, feasible and likely to be of interest to the market.

The Council will consider all information supplied in response to this SMTE, however it cannot commit to using all the information and suggestions received to inform any future procurement.

There is no commercial advantage or disadvantage to your organisation as a result of being involved in this SMTE. This process focuses on the market as a whole, rather than on the merits of individual suppliers. It involves no element of supplier selection or bid evaluation.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 May 2023

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