

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/003058-2025>

Contract

## **CPU6720 Children and Young People's Advocacy and Befriending (Independent Visitor) Service**

Nottingham City Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-003058

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04ace1

Published 30 January 2025, 10:21am

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

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

Nottingham City Council

Loxley House, Station Street

Nottingham

NG2 3NG

#### **Contact**

Ms Krista Livsey

#### **Email**

[krista.livsey@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:krista.livsey@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 0

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**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**

CPU6720 Children and Young People's Advocacy and Befriending (Independent Visitor) Service

Reference number

DN747963

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council (the Councils) are seeking tenders from sufficiently experienced and qualified organisations for the provision of a Children and Young People's Advocacy and Befriending (Independent Visitor) Service.

The Councils aim to jointly re-commission a Children and Young People's Advocacy and Befriending (Independent Visitor) service having previously commissioned separate services for each individual local authority. The Councils are seeking to secure Best Value through leveraging this joint approach to commissioning and procuring a joint service for Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County children and young people.

The service will deliver the following:

- A. Advocates who independently support Children in Care, Children in Need, children and young people subject to Child Protection plans, Children in Clayfield's Secure Children's Home, Homeless 16- and 17-year-olds and Care Leavers.
- B. Befrienders (Independent Visitors) to support Children in Care.
- C. Independent Persons to sit on Secure Accommodation Review Panels for Children in Care.

Nottinghamshire County Council are seeking to secure possible additional funding for the service from 2026/27 onwards and should additional resources become available, enhanced services may be added to the contract as explained in the service specification and tender documents.

The contract duration will be for 3 years with a possible extension of 2 years at both Councils discretion. The total contract value is estimated to be a maximum of £1,793,000 over the total length of the contract, including any potential extensions and any possible additional funding. The core approved budget for year one is a maximum of £336,200, paid on both a block and an activity basis as detailed in the tender documents.

The anticipated contract start date will be 1 April 2025.

This contract will be let under the Light Touch Regime of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

Application documents can be downloaded from [www.eastmidstenders.org](http://www.eastmidstenders.org)

The closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is 12 noon, 20 November 2024.

### **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: £1,793,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council (the Councils) are seeking tenders from sufficiently experienced and qualified organisations for the provision of a Children and Young People's Advocacy and Befriending (Independent Visitor) Service.

The Councils aim to jointly re-commission a Children and Young People's Advocacy and Befriending (Independent Visitor) service having previously commissioned separate services for each individual local authority. The Councils are seeking to secure Best Value through leveraging this joint approach to commissioning and procuring a joint service for Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County children and young people.

The service will deliver the following:

- A. Advocates who independently support Children in Care, Children in Need, children and young people subject to Child Protection plans, Children in Clayfield's Secure Children's Home, Homeless 16- and 17-year-olds and Care Leavers.
- B. Befrienders (Independent Visitors) to support Children in Care.
- C. Independent Persons to sit on Secure Accommodation Review Panels for Children in Care.

Nottinghamshire County Council are seeking to secure possible additional funding for the

service from 2026/27 onwards and should additional resources become available, enhanced services may be added to the contract as explained in the service specification and tender documents.

The contract duration will be for 3 years with a possible extension of 2 years at both Councils discretion. The total contract value is estimated to be a maximum of £1,793,000 over the total length of the contract, including any potential extensions and any possible additional funding. The core approved budget for year one is a maximum of £336,200, paid on both a block and an activity basis as detailed in the tender documents.

The anticipated contract start date will be 1 April 2025.

This contract will be let under the Light Touch Regime of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

Application documents can be downloaded from [www.eastmidstenders.org](http://www.eastmidstenders.org)

The closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is 12 noon, 20 November 2024.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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

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

---

## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

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

Notice number: [2024/S 000-033392](#)

#### **IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

---

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

### **Title**

CPU6720 Children and Young People's Advocacy and Befriending (Independent Visitor) Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

28 January 2025

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

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

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

The Children's Society

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,793,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,793,000

---

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Nottingham City Council

Nottingham

Country

United Kingdom