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## **Advocacy Service for Adults**

South Tyneside Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04dd15

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC22 - Tyneside

**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://open-uk.org/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://open-uk.org/>

**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**

Advocacy Service for Adults

Reference number

S8277

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

The service to be provided is an advocacy service for adults, which includes the following types of advocacy support:

- Care Act Advocacy
- Independent Mental Health Advocacy
- Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy
- NHS Complaints Advocacy
- Relevant Person's Representatives
- Rule 1.2 Representatives
- General Advocacy

The annual block contract value of the contract is £400,000 plus inflation to be applied prior to contract award, reviewable in accordance with the Service Agreement.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,800,000

### **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

South Tyneside

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

This procurement is undertaken under Chapter 3 of Part 2 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (also known as the "light touch" regime). The process adopted uses the primary methodology of an open tender, but the Council reserves the right to make such adjustments as are required to facilitate the process. The Council will ensure that the tender process is, and will remain, fair and transparent.

Suppliers will be required to express interest in this opportunity on the Open E-Procurement system. If not already registered on Open please register at the following link: <https://open-uk.org/>. Suppliers will then be granted access to the tender documentation - Project #OPEN202550. Please note that registering on Open and expressing interest does not mean that you have bid for the tender - once the above steps are complete you will be required to download, complete and submit the tender documentation.

It is the Council's view that TUPE applies to this procurement and relevant information is provided within the Tender documents.

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,800,000

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

Start date

1 September 2025

End date

31 August 2030

## **II.2.14) Additional information**

There is an option to extend by 2 periods of 12 months.

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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

Full details of the Conditions for Participation are contained within the tender pack.

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

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

Bidders will be required to have, or be willing to obtain within Year 1 of the Contract Term, the Advocacy Quality Performance Mark.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

The Annual block Contract Price has been set by the Council. Award will be based on 100% quality. Full details of the assessment is contained within the tender pack.

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

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

Date

13 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English