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Tender

Advocacy Service for Adults

South Tyneside 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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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

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.

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.

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