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Tender

Autism Support Services

Durham County Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04dd22

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Durham County Council

County Hall

DURHAM

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Contact

Donna Iley

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC14 - Durham CC

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.durham.gov.uk

Buyer's address

www.open-uk.org

I.3) Communication

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

www.open-uk.org

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.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

Autism Support Services

Reference number

OPEN202574

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This contract is for the provision of an Autism Support Service to people aged 16+ across County Durham.

The service will target people with a diagnosis of autism, or are on the waiting list for a diagnosis, but who do not meet the eligibility criteria to access social care services.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC14 - Durham CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This contract is for the provision of an Autism Support Service to people aged 16+.

The service will target people with a diagnosis of autism, or are on the waiting list for a diagnosis, but who do not meet the eligibility criteria to access social care services.

This procurement is issued under an Open Tender process in line with Public Contracts Regulation 2015, under Regulation 74 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 for contracts for social and other specific services (Light Touch Regime).

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

Start date

1 June 2025

End date

31 May 2028

II.2.14) Additional information

The proposed 36month contract is to be let with an option to extend for a further 2 periods of 24 months each from the actual end date subject to Commissioner and Budget approval.

The service will be commissioned by Durham County Council and is funded by both Durham County Council and the Integrated Care Board. The Council's intention is that the full service, as detailed in the service specification, will continue for the initial contract period i.e. end date of 31/5/2028 however the Council is unable to confirm at the point of tender the full budget as the budget from the Integrated Care Board has only been made available until the 31/3/2026. The Council will liaise with the successful provider with regards to this should budget be reduced.

The Council believes that the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE) applies to this contract.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

10 March 2025

Local time

10:00am

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court of England & Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom