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## **Tender for the Provision of Shared Lives Services in Buckinghamshire**

Buckinghamshire 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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**Region code**

UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk/>

**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**

Tender for the Provision of Shared Lives Services in Buckinghamshire

Reference number

DN751329

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Buckinghamshire Council is seeking to contract with an innovative Provider to deliver and expand the Shared Lives Service in Buckinghamshire. The Provider will take over the existing service and work with the Council to realise its growth ambitions to significantly increase the number of Live-In, Short Break and Day Support Arrangements available for Individuals over the next 5 -7 years. The Provider will implement a successful marketing strategy to recruit and train a pool of self-employed Carers who are able to deliver care and support services to Individuals with a wide range of social care and health needs who require varying intensities of support. The Provider should be able to demonstrate experience of managing a Shared Lives, supported lodgings or fostering service as well as strong partnership working with a Local Authority, particularly around service expansion. The Provider will aim to make Shared Lives the 'first choice' for Social Care Workers, Individuals and their Families in Buckinghamshire when considering types of care and support for an Individual.

#### **What is Shared Lives**

Shared Lives enable Individuals, with assessed eligible social care and health needs, the opportunity to live and/ or to be supported in the households of carefully selected, trained and approved Carers. Together, the person needing support, and the Carer, share the Carer's domestic, family and community life. The individuals will be supported and enabled by the Carer to achieve and maintain as much independence as possible and to live meaningful and fulfilling lives in line with their individual choices and ambitions. The Service supports a range of Individuals with varying levels of needs across a range of

care cohorts including, but not limited to older people, people with mental health needs including dementia, those with a physical disability or sensory impairment, learning disabilities, autism, neurodivergences, care leavers, people recovering from addictions and people fleeing domestic violence.

The Council requires the delivery of the following types of Shared Lives services:

- Live-in: an Individual with support needs lives with a Carer and their family (this is sometimes referred to as “long term”).
- Short Break: an Individual stays with their chosen Carer on a regular basis, from one night to several weeks.
- Day Support: an Individual receives support from their Carer during the day. The Carer’s home is used as a base for community activities.

Contractual Conditions:

The Provider must be registered with the CQC for the regulated activity of personal care.

The Provider will maintain an annual membership to Shared Lives Plus for the Service and each Carer.

The contract is for 5 years with a 2-year extension option. The start date of the contract will be 1st October 2025.

TUPE may apply to this contract.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.2) Description**

##### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Buckinghamshire

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

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

Value excluding VAT: £10,538,000

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

Duration in months

60

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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

All criteria are stated in the procurement documents accessed via

[www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk](http://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk)

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

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

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

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

Award criteria are stated in the procurement documents accessed via

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### IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

16 April 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

1. The Council is conducting the procurement under Section 7 Regulations 74-76 Social and other Specific Services under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015). An open procedure is being used.

This tender aim is to provide the full tender documentation suite by the 7th March on the Council's portal [www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk](http://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk).

Please note that this will allow bidders at least 30 days to review, ask clarification questions and submit their bids timely by the bid submission deadline of 16th April 2025.

If there are any further delays in making the full tender documentation available we will in due course delay the bid submission deadline accordingly to ensure that bidders have at least 30 days to allow them to review, ask clarifications and submit their bids.

2. There is an option to extend the contract for a period of 24 months after the initial 5 year term.

3. The estimated value in II.2.6 is for the 7 year period i.e. initial term of 5 years and 2 year extension option.

4. The estimated value in II.2.6 does not include inflation.

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

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

The High Court

The Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Council will incorporate a standstill period at the point when information on the award of

the contract is communicated to tenderers. The standstill period will be for a minimum of 10

calendar days and provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision

before the contract is entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for the aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

