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Tender

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) assessments

Coventry City Council

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Scope

Reference

COV - 24767

Description

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) is the legal framework used to authorise the care or treatment arrangements of an individual who lacks mental capacity to consent to their arrangements. These safeguards apply when a person is 'deprived of their liberty' in a care home or hospital.

The Tender process will look to award a contract to a single supplier to undertake DoLS Best Interests Assessors, which will be conducted by qualified Best Interest Assessors, to support internal assessment provision.

The anticipated volume of referrals under this contract is expected to be circa 40 assessments per year. However, demand could reach up to 100 assessments per year.

There is no guarantee of volume.

Coventry City Council use in house social work teams to deliver services and uses external provision to bolster services, when required, to ensure the City Council meets its responsibilities under the Mental Capacity Act 2015.

The service will predominantly be for citizens within Coventry but may also include assessments for service users who live in Warwickshire, Birmingham and Worcestershire.

The service will also need to meet needs nationwide where required.

Total value (estimated)

- £279,420 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 27 April 2026 to 26 April 2028
- Possible extension to 26 April 2032
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

Extension Option 1: 26th April 2030 (2 years)

Extension Option 2: 26th April 2032 (2 years)

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKG3 - West Midlands

Submission

Tender submission deadline

16 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://sell2.in-tend.co.uk/midlands/home>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Technical/Quality will account for 40.00% of the evaluation

Price will account for 60.00% of the evaluation

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Coventry City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMJC-6861-XJPP

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government