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Contract

Best Interests Assessments (BIA)- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

Staffordshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.staffordshire.gov.uk

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

Best Interests Assessments (BIA)- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

Reference number

IA2942

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 is for the supply of Best Interests Assessors to carry out Best Interests Assessments (BIA) as a part of the assessment process for the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) which is a statutory function of the Local Authority.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £2,964,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

End-to-end Best Interests Assessor Service

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) are designed to protect the interests of extremely vulnerable individuals accommodated in care homes and hospitals. Individuals who have a mental disorder such as dementia or a profound learning disability who lack capacity to give informed consent to the accommodation arrangements made for their care and/or treatment. Deprivation of their liberty is considered after an independent assessment deems it in their best interests to protect them from harm. Under the current legislation the Local Authority is the supervisory body and as such has the statutory duty to ensure that assessments are undertaken and DoLS authorisations are in place.

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Assessments (BIA) as a part of the assessment process for the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards DoLS which is a statutory function of the Local Authority.

The Council is looking to award via a Framework Agreement to two Lots:-

Lot 1 End-to-end Best Interests Assessor Service

Lot 2 Independent Best Interests Assessments Service

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework Agreement term is from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2026 with an additional option to extend by six (6) months to 30 September 2026. In the event the Framework Agreement is extended the extension shall be on the same Terms and Conditions as the original Framework Agreement period and will ultimately be at the Authority's sole discretion.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Independent Best Interests Assessments Service

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

IA2942

Lot No

1

Title

End-to-end Best Interests Assessor Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 February 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Eden Brown Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

03643845

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,210,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

IA2942

Lot No

2

Title

Independent Best Interests Assessments Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

RUN Healthcare Limited

Northampton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

Companies House

07996545

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £754,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

IA2942

Lot No

2

Title

Independent Best Interests Assessments Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ID Medical Group Ltd

Milton Keynes

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

Companies House

03829536

The contractor is an SME

No

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RKJ Contracts LTD

Worcester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG1 - Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire

Companies House

10288783

The contractor is an SME

No

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Spiritage Social Care Limited

Hull

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE12 - East Riding of Yorkshire

Companies House

13730651

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £754,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Staffordshire County Council

Stafford

Country

United Kingdom

