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Planning

Asylum-Seeking Women-Centred Perinatal Support in Newham

LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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LONDON

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI41 - Hackney and Newham

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.newham.gov.uk

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Asylum-Seeking Women-Centred Perinatal Support in Newham

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

There is little information available for people seeking asylum about services available to support them with their claim and navigating systems in the UK and services available. We are looking for a provider who can provide perinatal trauma-informed support service for women and families from migrant backgrounds, to support them when experiencing

financial hardship during pregnancy and with children up to the age of 2. The service model provided should be embedded within communities, working collaboratively with our in-house early help team and local charities and community groups to enable smooth and streamlined pathways to support.

We would like to hear from potential providers interested in delivering these services, to inform the planning of our procurement process. Suitably qualified providers are invited to complete the attached form and return by midday on 31 March 2023.

This is not an invitation to tender.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI41 - Hackney and Newham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

From 1.10.2023, the London Borough of Newham intend to contract public Asylum-Seeking Women-Centred Perinatal Support in Newham

Requirements - Potential providers must be able to demonstrate:

Culturally sensitive and trauma-informed care: The support should be delivered in a manner that is respectful of the cultural and linguistic needs of asylum-seeking families.

Providers should be aware of the potential trauma that these women may have experienced and should provide appropriate support and care.

Community connections: The provider must establish links across the local VCS infrastructure in Newham to be able to support families to access the right support at the right time.

Comprehensive perinatal care: The provider must be able to develop links with community to support asylum-seeking women to access to comprehensive perinatal mental health, including antenatal and postnatal care, mental health support, and parenting education.

Accessible in-person services: The support should be easily accessible to asylum-seeking

women in Newham, including those who may face language or transportation barriers.

Parenting support: There must be an element of in-person and interactive support. Including baby first-aid, sexual health, family planning and infant feeding.

Language support: Women should have access to ESOL language support to ensure they can communicate effectively with healthcare providers and access relevant information.

Advocacy and referral services: Women should have access to advocacy and referral services to help them navigate the complex asylum process and local health and community services including but not limited to, food banks, housing, immigration, early help, domestic abuse.

Safe and welcoming environment: The support should be delivered in a safe and welcoming environment that is sensitive to the needs of asylum-seeking women.

Support for infant feeding: Women should have access to information and support related to breastfeeding, including the provision of breastfeeding-friendly facilities.

Cultural competency: Providers should have a good understanding of the cultural norms and practices of asylum-seeking women to provide effective support.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 April 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Council wishes to undertake a soft market test to understand if there are providers who are suitable and qualified with relevant experience to provide the service outlined in the Prior Information Notice.

To access the Market Testing form please go the Contracts Finder notice via the link here and access the attachment -

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/fea42e19-eaf9-47c6-b358-f3845850228b>

Market engagement meetings or events may be held subsequent to this deadline.

This is not an invitation to tender and the responses received on this form will not be evaluated. Any response provided will not be treated as commercially confidential.

Please complete and return this registration form to Ryan.Brock@newham.gov.uk by 31st March 2023.