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Tender

Short Breaks for Adults with a Learning Disability and/or Autism (West)

Cumbria County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=9ad40a38-b9c4-ed11-8120-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=9ad40a38-b9c4-ed11-8120-005056b64545>

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

Short Breaks for Adults with a Learning Disability and/or Autism (West)

Reference number

DN661434

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A short break (sometimes referred to as respite) is a short term, temporary service for people who are usually supported in their own or the family home by a family member or friend who is not paid for their caring tasks. The short break is beneficial to both individuals and carers as it enables the carer to have a break from their caring responsibilities and enables the individual to have a break without the carer.

Short breaks complement the range of services currently available to adults with a learning disability and or autism and carers and forms part of the range of options available to meet an individual's assessed needs. Short breaks can have a significant impact on an individual's independence and choice by contributing to the care and support elements which maintain people in their own homes and enable carers to continue caring.

The aim of a short break is to enable personalised and quality informal care and support arrangements to be sustained.

A key element of the short break offer is to support an individual to gain the skills they will need for greater independence. The required short break offer is not simply a passive one of care and support, the expectation is that the Service Provider will build the service on a progression model and actively support independence.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £729,118

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The Council is seeking to develop a long-term strategic partnership with a provider/s that are:

- a) A sector leader in services supporting people with a learning disability and/or autism
- b) Has experience of providing accommodation based regulated short break services
- c) Has a deep understanding of the needs and wishes of people with a learning disability and/or autism (including those with high and additional needs and/or physical needs), access to significant expertise, and knowledge of evidence informed best practice.
- d) Has a reputable, responsive, and responsible employer committed to recruiting,

developing, and retaining a high quality and diverse workforce.

- e) Values led with a mission, purpose, and ethos aligned to those of the wider council;
- f) Able to add value to provision to enrich the Service offer for people, through attracting additional external funding.
- g) Financially sustainable with robust governance and assurance arrangements.
- h) Are committed to developing positive partnerships at local, regional, and national level to benefit individuals.

Although the Council will award the contract to a single provider, lead provider sub-contracting consortia bids are also welcomed.

The Council is seeking to commission an accessible Short Breaks service that can provide personal care and support for people with a learning disability and/or autism in West Cumbria (Allerdale and Copeland)q.

The service provider/s will be registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to provide care and any subsequent regulatory body for a period of 12 months before the commencement of the contract and must maintain registration with a 'Good' rating throughout the duration of the contract. If the inspection records a 'Requires improvement' rating, the provider/s will need to complete and implement an improvement plan within an agreed timeframe in accordance with the Council's relevant policy. The service provider/s will ensure that the service provision meets the requirements set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and all subsequent regulations that may succeed the above.

The service will support individuals with a range of needs, including those with a physical impairment and those that can exhibit behaviour that challenges how they are supported. Positive Behavioural Support, Active Support Models and Person-centred Planning must form an integral part of service provision and the basis for organising and providing support for the activities of daily living and skills development.

The service will provide a level of support which is appropriate to the needs of the individual helping to support people to live active, healthy, socially responsible, and socially inclusive lives as part of their local communities, engaging with a wide range of community organisations and developing natural support networks. This will include supporting people to identify risks and develop strategies that help them to keep safe in the community.

The service will have all necessary equipment allowing successful and safe delivery of care and support to individuals during their stay. This includes equipment required for

individuals who have support needs relating to their mobility.

The service will ensure that staff providing care and support are able to effectively communicate and advocate on behalf of the individual. The service will ensure that individuals are empowered to be able to receive support in the least restrictive setting possible and where appropriate support individuals to move towards independent living or to support individuals to sustain their independence within the accommodation they reside in.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option for 1 extension up to a maximum of 12 months

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

11 April 2023

Local time

11:00am

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

11 April 2023

Local time

11:05am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Her Majesty's Court Service

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom