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Planning

Best Interests Assessments and Community DoLs

Staffordshire County Council

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Scope

Reference

IA3824

Description

The Council is looking to commission a supplier to undertake annual Best Interests Assessments and Community DoLS applications.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2029
- 2 years, 6 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Engagement

Engagement deadline

27 February 2026

Engagement process description

The Council wishes to commission a Best Interests Assessments and Community DoLs service for eligible Individuals across Staffordshire.

The Council is keen to understand the following supplier views from the market, particularly from a Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) point of view:-

1. What do you think will be the barriers for suppliers, particularly SME's, during the tender process? For example the length of time the tender advert is out to the market, tender documentation etc.
2. What risks or challenges do you think might affect your organisation during the delivery

of the Service? For example, legislative changes, IT systems, changes to standards, resource, value for money and operational considerations.

Please send your responses in a word document marked IA3824 PME RESPONSE to peter.hampton@staffordshire.gov.uk by Friday 27 February 2026.

The Council anticipates issuing a tender notice on Friday 8 May 2026 and currently envisages the tender closing 12 noon Tuesday 16 June 2026.

It is anticipated that a bidder event may be held on Wednesday 13 May 2026 (date dependent on the actual tender live date).

As well as completing the required tender documents Suppliers will be required to register on the Central Digital Platform (CDP), to find out more please access the following information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/information-and-guidance-for-suppliers>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67bdf4e489b4a58925ac6d53/20250224_Act_Now_Find_a_Tender_Factsheet_v3.0_FINAL.pdf

The tender will be issued via the Council's e-tendering system Proactis and you must be registered to participate in the procurement opportunity. You can register expressions of interest via the Councils e-tendering portal

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Default.aspx>

Please search for IA3824 Best Interests Assessments and Community Dols.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Staffordshire County Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

