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## **21 066 Statutory Advocacy Service**

Cheshire East Borough Council  
Cheshire West and Chester Council  
Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKD62 - Cheshire East

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Cheshire West and Chester Council

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## **I.1) Name and addresses**

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CW5 5RD

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### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **NUTS code**

UKD6 - Cheshire

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.cheshireccg.nhs.uk/>

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.3) Communication**

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

<http://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

21 066 Statutory Advocacy Service

Reference number

DN568640

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Cheshire East Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council are seeking to commission an Independent Statutory Advocacy Service that will cover the Cheshire footprint.

The Councils have identified the need for a strategic approach to the way advocacy is commissioned across Cheshire. This will enable a flexible, joined-up approach and ensure sufficient capacity to meet the demand for the service. It will also provide an improved Service User experience for those accessing statutory advocacy interventions.

The provision of an Independent Statutory Advocacy Service will provide support to eligible Service Users to access the following range of advocacy provision:

- 1) Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA) including Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS); and any subsequent changes in legislation
- 2) Paid Relevant Persons Representative (RPR) role under DoLS; and any subsequent changes in legislation
- 3) Care Act Independent Advocacy under the Care Act 2014, and including Independent Advocacy for Prisoners under the Care Act 2014
- 4) Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA)

## 5) Continuing Healthcare Advocacy (CHC)

Bidders should express an interest in this opportunity and download all of the relevant documentation from the Chest system [www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk) reference DN568640.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,284,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKD62 - Cheshire East
- UKD63 - Cheshire West and Chester

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The overall purpose of the Independent Statutory Advocacy Service is to offer a high quality, seamless statutory advocacy provision across the Administrative Area. The Service will build upon people's strengths and abilities, maximising Service User involvement.

The Provider will deliver a single point of access for the range of statutory advocacy interventions, promoting a triage approach to ensure that Service Users are offered the most appropriate advocacy intervention to meet their eligible advocacy support needs. This will include the following:

- Maintaining a local Cheshire based service which understands and responds to local needs.
- Providing flexibility, enabling resources to be moved within the Service to meet increased demand for one type of advocacy provision
- Provision of a cost-effective service
- The Service will reflect the key principles of, recognising and utilising digital technology, promoting wellbeing, help to prevent reliance and dependency on care and support by

maximising independence, encouraging participation and personal responsibility, promoting and raising awareness of the Independent Statutory Advocacy Service. Additionally, supporting the development of self-advocacy where possible

- People using the Service will be seen as active partners in decisions made about them, including in relation to their care and support, maximising service user involvement
- The Service will be (and will be seen to be) independent of the Councils and or it's service partners as well as any other organisations which may participate in the assessment of individuals

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative Questions including a presentation / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,284,000

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

Start date

1 September 2022

End date

31 August 2026

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

The initial contract period is 1st September 2022 - 31st August 2026, with up to 3 x 12 month options to extend —therefore options maybe taken up for the period 1st September 2026 up to 31st August 2029. The options will be exercised at the discretion of the Council, in line with the Contractual

terms.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Estimated Total Contract Value for the full 7 year term is between £4,004,000 and £4,284,000



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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

Date

3 May 2022

Local time

2:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

3 May 2022

Local time

2:05pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom