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Planning

2023 Support Service for Carers in Aberdeenshire

Aberdeenshire Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00232

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

2023 Support Service for Carers in Aberdeenshire

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The introduction of the Carers Act established rights for all carers to support, information and advice; and to be listened to in decisions about the care and support of the person they are caring for.

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice is to engage with providers with the relevant capacity, expertise and experience to develop and deliver a support service that responds to this service requirement. The Carers Support Service will offer an information and advice service for adult and young unpaid carers which provides information and advice on advocacy, carers' rights, income maximisation and emergency or future planning. It will support carers to complete the Adult Carers Support Plan and Young Carers Statements

The key aims an Aberdeenshire Carers Support Service are:

- To support the identification of Carers through contact with Health and Social Care Teams, other third sector organisations and through the development of innovative ways to engage with hidden Carers
- To provide Carers with advice and information and enable them to access resources within their communities
- To support Carers to maintain their own health and wellbeing
- To provide learning and development opportunities to enable Carers to continue in their Caring role

The specification for the service will respond to the National Carers' Strategy (December 2022) and its recognition

- that the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 aims to ensure that carers have choice and control, and can access preventative support to keep caring situations manageable.
- of the impact of demographic pressures and of the COVID-19 pandemic on carers
- of the value of carers to the health and social care system.

This PIN is not a call for competition but aims to test the market and support the development of appropriate future commissioning arrangements. It is anticipated that a tender opportunity in relation to this service requirement will be advertised on PCS-T in September 2023

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,370,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

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II.2.14) Additional information

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

29 September 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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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