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Planning

Family Group Conferencing

Westminster City Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-032e55

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Westminster City Council

64 Victoria Street

London

SW1E 6QP

Email

tenders@westminster.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.capitalesourcing.com

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

Family Group Conferencing

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Westminster City Council and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea will be embarking on the recommissioning of their Family Group Conferencing Services. The aim of re-procuring the service will be to enter into a service contract with a provider who can demonstrate delivery of high-quality standards while demonstrating value for money for the Authorities.

The service will predominately be used by:

- Family Services in RBKC
- Family Services in Westminster

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £620,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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This statutory service adopts an early intervention model, which engages and maximises family participation in social care practices and in the care planning for children (and or a family member). The service also provides an advocacy function that supports children and young people in decision making processes within the social care system.

The Family Group Conferencing service is required to work closely with teams within

Family Services, who provide the active case referrals. This includes teams such as Children in Need, Early Help, Child Protection, Interim Care Orders and Looked After. The service is required to allocate Family Group Conference coordinators to referred cases who then:

- Meet with children, young people, and their main carers
- Meet with family networks and prepare them for the FGC
- Hold the FGC
- Follow up FGC with Plan which is circulated
- Carry out user feedback
- Review the FGC where appropriate
- Keeps service leads and social workers informed.

Providers with experience of delivering these types of services are invited to attend a supplier engagement event on the 10th May 2022. Kindly register your expression of interest via our e-tendering portal; www.capitalesourcing.com and search for the following reference: pqq_wcc_1777-Family Group Conferencing Market Sounding Questionnaire

A market sounding questionnaire is available on the portal inviting feedback from providers in the market. The market engagement event will provide an opportunity to discuss the boroughs' vision for how family group conferencing could be delivered in the future. We are keen to hear your views and utilise your expertise to commission a high quality and sustainable service for our residents

II.2.14) Additional information

It should be noted that this is not a guarantee of further competition. The Authority reserves the right, at its own discretion, to withdraw from the process and pursue alternative routes to market for the provision of this service, should it decide to do so. Expressions of Interest are not to be emailed directly and must go via the E-procurement portal capitalEsourcing.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 August 2022

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