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## **Abortion Clinic Vigils or Protests - Research**

Scottish Government

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Scottish Government

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Glasgow

G2 8EA

#### **Email**

[laura.vivian@gov.scot](mailto:laura.vivian@gov.scot)

#### **Telephone**

+44 7467338120

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482)

**I.2) Information about 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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal 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**

Abortion Clinic Vigils or Protests - Research

Reference number

585320

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

- 79315000 - Social research services

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

Services

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

The Scottish Government (SG), on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, wishes to commission a study to enhance its understanding of the prevalence and impact of vigils/protests that take place outside of abortion clinics within Scotland. The research will aim to produce new data from a variety of respondents in order to develop a detailed picture of current practices and experiences of vigils/protests outside abortion clinics in different localities across Scotland. This will be used to inform Scottish Government policy on vigils and protests outside abortion clinics.

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

Value excluding VAT: £65,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

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

A combination of qualitative and quantitative research methods will be required to meet the aims and objectives of this research. When placing a bid, suppliers should state as clearly as possible the full research design and methodology they propose to use. This should include the modes of data capture, and research participant recruitment, as well as methods for data analysis and synthesis.

Possible suitable methods include:

- Collection, collation and analysis of relevant NHS Board data relating to observations of protests.
- Qualitative interviews and/or surveys of patients and protestors to understand the perspectives of each.

Based on the research aims and objectives set out above and the available budget, proposals should set out how they will address and build on the following requirements:

- Build a holistic picture of the prevalence and scale of abortion vigils/protests in Scotland and their impact on women's experience of accessing abortion services in Scotland.
- Recruit research participants from relevant groups involved in/impacted by abortion vigils/protests, especially women who have accessed abortion services while protests/vigils are ongoing outside the clinics, and protestors participating in vigils/protests.
- Outline any proposed use of incentives or payments to research participants.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding the requirement / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Research design and methodology / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Staff, skills and task allocation / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Project management and risk assessment / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Ethical sensitivities and ethical scrutiny / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Data Security / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Fair work / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 20

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

Value excluding VAT: £65,000

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

Start date

1 August 2022

End date

1 February 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Following the end of the initial 18 months the contract maybe extended by a period of up to 3 months.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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

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

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

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

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

Bidders will be required to state the value for their Current Ratio for the previous financial year.

Bidders will be required to confirm they have the required levels of insurance cover specified below.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Minimum level(s) of standards required:

Current ratio: Bidders must have a minimum current ratio of 1.0.

Current Ratio will be calculated as follows:

net current assets divided by net current liabilities.

There must be no qualification or contra-indication from any evidence provided in support of the bidders economic and financial standing

Insurance Cover

It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded

contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance in accordance with any legal obligation at the time being in force = 5,000,000 GBP (5

Million)

Public Liability Insurance = 5,000,000 GBP (5 Million)

Professional Indemnity Insurance = 2,000,000 GBP (2 Million).

Such insurances must be maintained for the duration of the Contract and for a minimum of 5 years following the expiry or termination of

the Contract as appropriate.

## **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

## **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

25 May 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 1 August 2022

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

Date

25 May 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Question Scoring Methodology for Award Criteria outlined in Invitation to Tender.

0 Unacceptable Nil or inadequate response. Fails to demonstrate an ability to meet the requirement.

1 Poor Response is partially relevant but generally poor. The response addresses some elements of the requirement but contains insufficient/limited detail or explanation to demonstrate how the requirement will be fulfilled.

2 Acceptable Response is relevant and acceptable. The response addresses a broad understanding of the requirement but may lack details on how the requirement will be fulfilled in certain areas.

3 Good Response is relevant and good. The response is sufficiently detailed to demonstrate a good understanding and provides details on

how the requirements will be fulfilled.

4 Excellent Response is completely relevant and excellent overall. The response is comprehensive, unambiguous and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the requirement and provides details of how the requirement will be met in full.

Additional criteria for Cyber and Data Security Question.

Tenderers are also asked to confirm that they will pay staff that are involved in the delivery of services under the contract, at least the real Living Wage.

Bidders must complete the SPD (Scotland) to demonstrate adherence to the Exclusion and Selection Criteria for this procurement.

If there are named subcontractors/technicians upon which the bidder will rely to meet the selection criteria, these named parties must complete and reattach the SPD Supplier Response Form attached to SPD.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 21141 and the ITT code is 44053. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

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A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

The tenderer must provide a Community Benefits proposal that is relevant to the subject matter of this contract and supports the Scottish Ministers' commitment to contributing to the social, economic & environmental well-being of the people of Scotland, as described in the specification.

- targeted employment support, recruitment and work-related training for priority groups within the community (for example long-term unemployed and young people) as part of your proposed workforce for this project;
- support for existing Charity and Third Sector Organisations that deliver benefits to the communities
- Use of SMEs or supported businesses as part of your supply chain
- up-skilling the existing workforce;
- equality and diversity initiatives;

- educational support initiatives.

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom