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Contract

## **Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVA)**

Oxfordshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-010660

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-037230

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.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**

Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVA)

Reference number

DN635411

**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 subject matter of this procurement process and the resultant contract relates to the delivery of services which are listed in Schedule 3 to the regulations. As such the full regime set out in the regulations does not apply to the award of the service contract.

Consequently, the procurement process adopted by the Commissioners was developed in accordance with Regulation 76 of the regulations and in particular in accordance with the fundamental public procurement principles of transparency and equal treatment. For the avoidance of doubt this means that the Commissioners have not adopted the open procedure (as such term is defined in the regulations) for the undertaking of this procurement process. The fact that in this Contract Notice at Section IV.1) the field/box relating to type of procedure may default to the term 'Open' does not mean that this procedure was followed by the Commissioners.

The contract is for provision of Independent Domestic Violence Advocates services in order to enable the Council to carry out its statutory duties.

The provision of services is one of 4 key strategic priorities set out in the Oxfordshire Safe Accommodation Strategy as well as the Overarching Domestic Abuse Strategy published in 2022. This service specifies provision of services meeting the required standards set out in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 to include the needs of minority groups and individuals with care and support needs to improve their health outcomes and address inequalities.

The contract period is initially 36 months (three years) commencing 1st April 2023. The Authority has an option to extend the contract period by a further 24 months (two years).

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Lowest offer: £900,000 / Highest offer: £1,500,000 taken into consideration

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

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

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The contract is for provision of Independent Domestic Violence Advocates services in order to enable the Council to carry out its statutory duties.

In accordance with the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, the County and District Councils seek to work together in partnership with stakeholders to ensure provision of appropriate emergency and safe accommodation with dedicated support for victim-survivors aged 16 years and over affected by domestic abuse and their children.

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The Provider in Oxfordshire will be required to work in partnership and alignment with these new services to ensure improved outcomes for victim-survivors.

The total estimated number of domestic abuse victim-survivors in Oxfordshire in year ending 2020 was 27,455, referenced in the Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment 2022. In comparison, the total number of police recorded crimes for the same period was 7,851 only a proportion of people affected will report to the police. However, this police data indicates a 10% increase over the previous 3 years. Females are more likely to be victim-survivors of domestic abuse in Oxfordshire (69% female compared to 29% male). The total number of police recorded incidents between adults with children was 3,238 in 2019/20.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 74

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 16

Price - Weighting: 10

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

An option to extend the contract period by up to 2 years (24 months) in aggregate.

#### **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 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-027612](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

30 March 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Reducing the Risk of Domestic Abuse

7 Canterbury Road

Oxford

OX2 6LU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Lowest offer: £900,000 / Highest offer: £1,500,000 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court of England and Wales

Royal Courts of Justice

London

WC1A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom