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Award

Direct Award - Targeted Prevention of Sexual Reproductive Health Services

Torbay Council

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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

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

Direct Award - Targeted Prevention of Sexual Reproductive Health Services

Reference number

DN540351

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85320000 - Social services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The procurement of Targeted Prevention for Sexual and Reproductive Health services has been delayed due to a range of factors beyond Torbay Council's control since 2017/18. In order to bring the outstanding prevention services in line with timescales for the main clinical contracts, as well as deliver system improvements in a timely manner, the Council is proposing to award the following Lots which combine to form the Targeted Prevention for Sexual and Reproductive Health service:

Lot One - Workforce training and Community based interventions

Lot Two - Condom Distribution Scheme

Individually and as a combined service the value of these contracts sits below the threshold for regulated procurement, this notice is being published to ensure that the contract awards meet the requirements set out within Torbay Council's internal governance framework in respect of exemption from the application of Contract Procedures.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Lowest offer: £210,000 / Highest offer: £420,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Workforce training and Community based interventions

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK42 - Torbay

Main site or place of performance

Within the Torbay local authority boundary

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The workforce training programme will enable specialist workforces, including the children and young people's workforce across all sectors to improve interventions with residents around relationships and sexual wellbeing.

Community based interventions will take an intelligence led approach to identifying key groups and communities most likely to engage in riskier sexual behaviours and poor reproductive and health outcomes. This could include those with multiple or concurrent partners, older adults, sex workers and people with multiple and complex needs. Interventions will be time bound and outcome focussed.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial term of the main clinical sexual and reproductive health contract runs until 30 June 2023 with the option to extend on + 1 + 1 basis. This contract is intended to run co-terminus with the headline contract to support future procurement alignment, so may be subject to extension on the same basis.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Condom Distribution Scheme

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK42 - Torbay

Main site or place of performance

Within the Torbay local authority boundary

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The aim of the contract is to prevent poor sexual and reproductive health amongst the population of Torbay.

In accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2012 certain public health responsibilities were transferred from the NHS to Local Authorities in 2013. Torbay Council has a legal duty to take action to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and to reduce differences in health outcomes (health inequalities) between different groups of people.

The prevention services will provide a condom distribution scheme for 13-24 year olds in Torbay and seek to improve knowledge, skills and access to preventing poor sexual and reproductive health outcomes. This will include a robust digital offer and appropriate marketing campaigns aimed at sexually active young adults.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial term of the main clinical sexual and reproductive health contract runs until 30 June 2023 with the option to extend on + 1 + 1 basis. This contract is intended to run co-terminus with the headline contract to support future procurement alignment, so may be subject to extension on the same basis.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Individually and as a combined service the value of these contracts sits below the threshold for regulated procurement of social and other specific services. This notice is being published to ensure the contract awards meet the requirements set out within Torbay Council's internal governance framework in respect of exemption from the application of Contract Procedures.

A tender notice (2017/S 182-373398) under social and other specific services was published in OJEU on 18 May 2017 for two interconnected services - (A) Integrated Sexual and

Reproductive Health Service and (B) Targeted Sexual and Reproductive Health Prevention Service, but the tender process in respect of (B) was not completed. The services detailed under this VEAT notice comprise the provision which would have sat within (B) had the contract been awarded. Since early 2018 Torbay Council has been working to retender the Targeted Sexual and Reproductive Health Prevention Service. This work has experienced delays to enable public consultation on a revised scope, the outcome of that consultation and budget reductions. More recently the impact of COVID-19 has resulted in a lack of internal resource and market capacity to respond to a tender process. Current provision is based on services in place prior to the 2017 tender which are no longer fit for purpose. Subject to the outcome of this VEAT notice and approval through its internal governance mechanisms Torbay Council intends to:

- Directly award a new contract to the incumbent provider in respect of Workforce training and Community based interventions, who are in the best position to maintain continuity of service whilst undertaking the remodelling required under the revised specification (Lot 1).
- Modify the contract of the current provider of the Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service awarded following the 2017/2018 tender process, to include the Condom Distribution Scheme. The incumbent provider has been fully consulted on this approach (Lot 2).

The long-term intention is to include these services within the re-procurement of the Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service, at which point the Council will be in a position to fully understand the budget and requirements for the provision moving forwards. Although it may be that the decision is taken to tender these services as standalone provision at some during the intervening period.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2017/S 182-373398](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

Title

Workforce training and Community based interventions

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 March 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

The Eddystone Trust

Bittaford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK4 - Devon

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £110,000 / Highest offer: £220,000 taken into consideration

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

2

Title

Condom Distribution Scheme

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 March 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Northern Devon Healthcare Trust

Barnstaple

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK4 - Devon

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £100,000 / Highest offer: £200,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Legal Services

Torbay Council, Town Hall, Castle Circus

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