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Contract

Children's Advocacy Service

Nottinghamshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Children's Advocacy Service

Reference number

DN525043

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Nottinghamshire County Council (the Council) are seeking tenders from suitably qualified bidders to provide an independent advocacy service for young people from age 8 who are looked after by Nottinghamshire County Council. This services will also include;

The provision of a visiting service to disabled children in residential units and children at a secure provision.

Independent person for secure panels

The Council is seeking bids that offer value for money through efficiency and innovative thinking and Bidders will be required to identify the level of service (hours) that will be provided for the funds available Nottinghamshire County Council wishes to appoint a single service provider.

The scope and nature of the services required by the Council are set out in more detail in the Specification.

The contract duration will be for 3 years with an option to extend for a further 2 24-month periods.

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: £317 / Highest offer: £800,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF15 - North Nottinghamshire
- UKF16 - South Nottinghamshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The council has a duty to offer an independent advocacy service. The main purpose is to empower and enable young people to have a voice by providing independent information, advice, support, and advocacy. It provides a confidential opportunity to share information and concerns about their care or treatment, to be informed of their rights and be able to access independent representation.

Advocacy plays a key role in supporting children and young people to have their voices heard, their rights and entitlements met, providing a more holistic and positive experience of the care system. This is different to the role of the social worker and other professionals who have a duty to make 'best interest' decisions for the child.

Nottinghamshire currently has a joint contract with Nottingham City Council for the provision of advocacy services and independent visiting. The Nottinghamshire element of this existing service is due to end on 30 September 2021, and this has given the opportunity to redesign the service and expand the advocacy offer to include the provision of advocates for children in need and care leavers. The council will not be recommissioning the independent visitor element of the service as this will be delivered in-house via the Youth Service.

Nottinghamshire county council require an advocacy service which will be split into 2 parts: Part A and Part B. The Council is committed to Part A for the duration of the contract. There is an ambition to expand the contract to include Part B subject to financial approval. The Council is looking for a provider that could grow the contract to incorporate Part B should additional funding be secured in 2022-23.

- Part A will be available to all children/young people, including those with disabilities, who are looked after by the council, within and outside of its authority area,
- Part B would seek to include children and young people on child in need and child

protection plans, care leavers, and homeless 16/17-year-olds.

The contract will commence from 1st October 2021 for a period of 3 years to 30th September 2024. There are two twenty-four-month extensions available, with the agreement of both parties.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Financial / Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There are two twenty-four-month extensions available, with the agreement of both parties.

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

Open procedure

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

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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

21 May 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Change Grow Live Services Ltd

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £315,000 / Highest offer: £800,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom