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Planning

Integrated Advocacy Services in Staffordshire

Staffordshire County Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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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

Integrated Advocacy Services in Staffordshire

Reference number

IA2419

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

For the avoidance of doubt, this is not a Call for Competition. This is intended to initiate a soft market testing process.

Within Staffordshire the Council currently commission a single Integrated Advocacy Service model, which includes:

- Independent Advocacy under the Care Act 2014 (including for Prisoners)
- Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA) including Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and paid Representatives
- Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA), and
- Independent Health Complaints Advocacy Service (ICAS)

This current contract is scheduled to cease on 31 st March 2022.

The main purpose of this engagement is to consider how the above services across Staffordshire can continue to be best provided in terms of geographical breakdown for the market to ensure appropriate service coverage, capacity, reliability, equality of access by all communities to achieve beneficial outcomes.

A market engagement questionnaire is available on the E tendering Proactis system

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>. This is an opportunity for providers to share experiences and suggestions in delivering a range of services in the most effective and efficient way to help shape the new service model. This also includes looking at how you, as providers envisage the new Liberty Protection Safeguards potentially impacting upon you and how you deliver future advocacy services.

It is anticipated that tender documentation will be available in August 2021.

To participate in this process further, providers are invited to:

register an expression of interest, using the contract reference number IA2419 for this procurement process on our E tendering Proactis system

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

Responses to the market engagement questionnaire can be forwarded via email to lisa.dobric@staffordshire.gov.uk or via a message through Proactis. Your response should be submitted by 17.00pm Tuesday 15th June 2021.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Staffordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

15 August 2021

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