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Contract

Provision of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) Assessments

Medway Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.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

Provision of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) Assessments

Reference number

DN751767

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Medway Council is seeking a single provider for the provision of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) assessments. The purpose of this service is to organise, complete and

return the assessments, required for DoLS under the Mental Capacity Act (2014). These assessments must be carried out by a Section 12 registered doctor and returned to the Council within a set timeframe.

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: £1 / Highest offer: £1,291,500 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ41 - Medway

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Medway Council is seeking a single provider for the provision of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) assessments. The purpose of this service is to organise, complete and return the assessments, required for DoLS under the Mental Capacity Act (2005). These assessments must be carried out by a Section 12 registered doctor and returned to the Council within a set timeframe.

By way of background, the Mental Capacity Act (2005) is amended by the 2007 amendments to the Mental Health Act (1983) to include the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS), implemented on 1 April 2009. The safeguards provide legal protection

for vulnerable people who are, or may become, deprived of their liberty in a hospital or care

home. They apply to people who have a mental disorder and who are assessed as lacking

capacity to consent to the arrangements made for their residence, care or treatment. The

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards require hospitals and care homes (Managing Authorities)

to apply to the Supervisory Body (in this case, Medway Council) for an authorisation to deprive the relevant person of their liberty. Before an authorisation is issued, the Supervisory

Body must ensure that six assessments are completed. The assessments are undertaken by

a Best Interests Assessor for DoLS (BIA) and a Section 12 mental health approved DoLS trained doctor as follows:

The six assessments, and the person responsible for completing each assessment, are as

follows:

1. Age (The relevant person must be over the age of 18 years) - BIA
2. Mental Capacity - BIA
3. No Refusals - BIA
4. Mental Health – Section 12 doctor
5. Eligibility - Section 12 doctor, or BIA who is Approved Mental Health Professional (AMHP)

qualified

6. Best Interests - BIA

The Mental Capacity (Deprivation of Liberty: Standard Authorisations, Assessments and Ordinary Residence) Regulations 2008 require that the person undertaking the Mental Health assessment must be:

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- a. approved under section 12 of the Mental Health Act 1983, or
- b. a registered medical practitioner who the Supervisory Body is satisfied has three years post registration experience in the diagnosis or treatment of mental disorder.

The supervisory body must also be satisfied that the person has successfully completed the

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Mental Health Assessors training programme made available by the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Except in the 12 month period beginning with

the date that the doctor has successfully completed the standard training, the regulations

for England also require the Supervisory Body to be satisfied that the doctor has, in the 12 months prior to selection, completed further training relevant to their role as a mental health assessor.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60%

Price - Weighting: 40%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The term of the contract will be initially for 3 years with 3 further options to extend for 2 years, (3 years, plus 2 + 2 + 2 years).

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.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

Title

Provision of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) Assessments

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

South East Memory Assessment Services Limited

Longfield

DA3 8DS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ41 - Medway

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £1,291,500 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Medway Council

Chatham

Country

United Kingdom