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Integrated Community Domestic Abuse Service

Sefton Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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

Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

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 Community Domestic Abuse Service

Reference number

DN715973

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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Current Domestic Abuse (DA) provision in Sefton has evolved historically and has the potential to be disjointed and based on risk.

The needs assessment that was commissioned to meet our statutory obligations under the DA Act, tells us we have unmet need around:

- Reporting of DA in more affluent areas of the borough was less than in areas of deprivation.
- Women with complex needs
- Older Victims / Survivors
- Male Victims

We are proposing to procure a fully integrated Community Domestic Abuse service that operates on a network approach, is open to anyone irrespective of their protected characteristic or risk level.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Sefton Council

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 provides a statutory responsibility on Local Authorities to provide support services to victims, children and their families living in safe accommodation. Part 4 of the Act includes the duty for Local Authorities to provide support to survivors of domestic abuse and their children in safe accommodation. This duty came into effect on 1 October 2021. To support LAs in delivering this duty the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) has allocated Sefton new burdens funding which Council granted delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Communities & Housing to allocate appropriately.

The adoption and children act 2005 refined the definition of significant harm to include 'witnessing or experiencing the harm or ill treatment of others', in short to protect children who live in a house where DA is a feature of their lives. Section 3 of the DA act 22 specifically provides that a child who hears or experiences the effects of DA be regarded as a victim, to whom a service must be provided.

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This contract will be for the period 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2027, with the option to extend for up to a further 2 x 12-month periods. (at the Council's sole discretion).

Bidders will be deemed to understand the processes which the Council is required to follow under domestic legislation (particularly in relation to public procurement rules) where such legislation might apply.

For this reason, the Council is bound to follow the procedure in accordance with Section 7 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, also known as the 'Light Touch' Regime under the EU Procurement Directives. It is the intention of the Council to invite full tenders to be submitted in accordance with these instructions.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,500,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract will be renewed after either 36,48 or 60 months depending on whether the extension options are taken up.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There are 2 x 12 month extension options available.

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

17 May 2024

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

17 May 2024

Local time

12:05pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: The re-procurement will commence after either 24,36 or 48 months dependant on the uptake of the available extension options.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sefton Council

Bootle

Country

United Kingdom