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Contract

## **Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOL's) - Mental Health Assessor (Doctors S12)**

Leicestershire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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**Region code**

UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/index.html>

Buyer's address

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/index.html>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOL's) - Mental Health Assessor (Doctors S12)

Reference number

DN657017

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This is a notification of award by exception - Local Authorities have primary responsibility as the Supervisory Body under the DoL Safeguards. In operational terms this means that Local Authorities (Supervisory Body's) receive requests from Managing Authorities (residential/nursing homes and hospitals) and are required to organise, complete and respond to requests for authorisations within the mandated deadlines under the DoLS regulations. As part of this the Supervisory Body needs to arrange for a qualified assessor to complete relevant assessments. This process is currently arranged via an approved list of appropriately qualified assessors.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £900,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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The Standing List that is currently used to select a Doctor to undertake an assessment is established as follows:

To undertake mental health and eligibility assessments, the Doctor must:

Be approved under section 12 of the Mental Health Act 1983, or a registered medical practitioner with at least three years' post-registration experience in the diagnosis or

treatment of mental disorder

Provide evidence they have completed the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards mental health assessor programme, made available by The Royal College of Psychiatrists

Undertake annual update training provided by the Royal College of Psychiatrists and provide evidence of this.

Join the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) update service which lets applicants keep their DBS certificates up to date online and allows employers to check a certificate online.

Have a current registration with the General Medical Council.

Comply with the Law for the time being in force and in particular will comply with all Equal Opportunities Legislation and anti-discriminatory practices and the Mental Capacity Act 2005 in the supply and provision of the Service under this Agreement.

Have attended, or would be prepared to attend, the Supervisory Body's Training Programme.

Leicestershire County Council are open to any suitably qualified professionals joining the list at any point during the period that the list is open

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Suitably Qualified (as above) / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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## **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:

In the lifetime of the previous Framework we did an engagement event with Doctors to look at introducing a Framework for these Assessments. It was evident that the current cohort of Doctors at that time would not be interested in applying to be on a Framework. Over this period the Government announced changes to the current DOL's BIA assessment process introducing the new LPS standards which were due to be introduced in 2020. This has been previously delayed and it is now expected that the new LPS arrangements will be introduced sometime in 2024. The purpose of this exception is to continue under the current arrangement until the guidance is issued for LPS for LCC to understand the new requirements.

This current arrangement will end once the Government announce changes to DoLS, and once the details of the new legislation are known, a new procurement can be undertaken.

The new procurement may also take place under the Provider Selection Regime, once this legislation goes live and we understand its scope. This legislation may give us further flexibility in terms of how the procurement is undertaken.

#### **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**

### **Contract No**

DN657017

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

17 February 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 30

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

30 Qualified Professionals

Leicestershire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £900,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Leicestershire County Council

Glenfield

Country

United Kingdom