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Planning

IA2441 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children

Staffordshire County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

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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

IA2441 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children

Reference number

DN1233

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 to facilitate market engagement and soft market testing.

The council is seeking responses from the independent marketplace about their ability to provide Support for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children.

1. Needs Overview:

The provision of a Community Independence & Integration Support Service for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children (UASC) comprising of the following key elements:

- Specialist UASC Hub - it will be multi-faceted and a central point from which young people are supported to engage in community activities and social action utilising local community assets and initiatives.
- UASC Community Education & Training Service – providing a support function to operational staff, helping to improve outcomes for UASC through providing them with an

holistic educational and training experience that addresses their unique needs within the educational environment.

2. Location:

The Service shall work with Staffordshire's UASC in foster care, residential placements, supported accommodation and living independently. The Service Hub will have a base in Newcastle-under-Lyme and will also offer support for UASC both on a countrywide basis in community settings and beyond via their digital/outreach offer. A number of UASC leaving care with SCC have moved out of County and live in areas as far reaching as London and will need to receive IAG support digitally.

3. Staffing requirements:

The Provider will be responsible for designing the staffing structure and arrangements in detail to allow for flexible and non-prescriptive delivery and to meet the required demand. The Provider will be required to develop a tailored package of support with the UASC group to enable creative solutions to meet their needs and improve outcomes.

The skills expected from staff and volunteers will include, but not limited to, the following:

- Be experienced and sufficiently skilled in working with vulnerable UASC
- Being able to respond promptly and confidently to safeguarding concerns
- Providing support and challenge to UASC group
- Assertiveness and persistence
- Building trust and respect
- Empowering and enabling UASC group
- Solution focused practice
- TUPE may apply

4. Indicative Budget:

The maximum indicative contractual amount is £630,000.00 (tbc) for a period of 4 years.

5. Market Engagement Event

Commissioners will be holding a Market Development Provider Event that will take place

via MS Teams on 6th July 2021 9.30am to 12.30pm.

By attending, Providers will have the opportunity to be part of shaping the vision for the future service. Providers will also have the opportunity to contribute to the thinking of commissioning arrangements and understanding the procurement timeline and process moving forwards.

We hope you will be interested in attending this event. Please could you confirm attendance before 25th June 2021 by emailing details of your name, organisation, job title and contact email address to :-

Claire Kirk, Commissioning & Development Support Officer

Email: claire.kirk@staffordshire.gov.uk

We will then share the Microsoft teams link for you in readiness for the event on 6th July 2021.

Please note:

- All volumes and values are indicative and subject to review and update at any time.
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ESTIMATED CONTRACT START DATE:

1st April 2022

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE:

Country Wide Support, with premises based in Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £630,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.6) Estimated value

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

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is to run from 1.4.2022 to 31.3.2024 with the option to extend for 12 months from 1.4.2024 to 31.3.2025 and a further option to extend for 12 months from 1.4.2025 to 31.3.2026

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 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