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## **Families First for Children Pathfinder**

Wolverhampton City Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

CWC25129

### **Description**

The procurement is for the Families First for Children Pathfinder (FFCP) programme, under a multi-lot contract comprising:

Lot 1 - Targeted Youth Support: this is a needs-led provision designed to support young people in navigating services, accessing support, and having their voices heard in matters affecting their lives and wellbeing.

Lot 2 - Parental Advocacy: this is a needs-led provision designed to support parents and carers in navigating services, accessing support, and having their voices heard in matters affecting their families.

The Procurement was conducted in accordance with the Act using the Open Procedure (Section 20 (2(a))) for services which are considered Light Touch Regime (LTR) services under the Public Procurement Act 2023

## **Lot 1. Targeted Youth Support**

### **Description**

This service will support vulnerable young people aged 11-18, particularly those at risk of exploitation, gang involvement, and youth violence. The model is embedded within the Family Help strand and will work with families open to Targeted Family Help and Child in Need pathways, without requiring a social worker allocation.

The aim is to deliver trauma-informed, multi-agency support for adolescents (11-18) at risk of extra-familial harm, exploitation, and poor outcomes, without requiring an allocated social worker.

- Intensive 1:1 support and group interventions.
- All-female delivery team for trauma-informed work with girls.
- Referrals from Family Help, YOT, MACE, and other partners.
- Early Support Plans and exploitation screening tools.
- Performance monitoring including "distance travelled" outcomes.

Detailed requirements are set out with in the Tender Pack - Appendix B: Targeted Youth Support Service Specification

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## **Lot 2. Parental Advocacy**

### **Description**

This service will enhance parental engagement in child protection processes through independent advocacy. Advocates will support parents during Section 47 enquiries and child protection conferences, ensuring their understanding and voice are central to decision-making.

The service expects providers to provide independent, professional advocacy for parents involved in statutory child protection processes (CIN, CP, LAC), ensuring they are informed, supported, and empowered to participate meaningfully.

Key features include:

- Support for all parents, including fathers and non-resident carers
- Representation at key child protection stages
- Focus on improving parental experience and collaboration
- Advocacy at key safeguarding stages (Section 47, CP conferences, Core Groups)
- Rapid allocation within 24 hours of referral
- Focus on barriers to engagement (e.g., neurodivergence, mental health, domestic abuse)
- Embedded within Family Help Teams
- Monthly performance reporting and DfE checkpoint submissions

Detailed requirements are set out with in the Tender Pack - Appendix B: Parental Advocacy.

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**Contract 1. CWC25129 - Lot 1. Targeted Youth Support**

## **Lots**

Lot 1. Targeted Youth Support

## **Supplier**

- St Giles Trust

## **Contract value**

- £880,000 excluding VAT
- £1,056,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Award decision date**

13 February 2026

## **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

13 February 2026

## **Standstill period**

- End: 24 February 2026
- 8 working days

## **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

16 March 2026

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract has optional extension of up to one year. The extension of this contract is subject to funding availability and subject to the Council's internal governance processes. The Council has the discretion to extend this Contract after year 3.

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
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## **Contract 2. CWC25129 - Lot 2. Parental Advocacy**

### **Lots**

Lot 2. Parental Advocacy

## **Supplier**

- VOICEABILITY ADVOCACY

## **Contract value**

- £300,000 excluding VAT
- £360,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

## **Award decision date**

13 February 2026

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## **Contract locations**

- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

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## **Information about tenders**

### **Lot 1. Targeted Youth Support**

- 3 tenders received
  - 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
    - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
    - 3 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
  - 1 supplier awarded contracts
  - 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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## **Lot 2. Parental Advocacy**

- 4 tenders received
  - 4 tenders assessed in the final stage:
    - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
    - 4 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
  - 1 supplier awarded contracts
  - 3 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

### **Special regime**

Light touch

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## **Suppliers**

### **St Giles Trust**

- Companies House: 02175146

Georgian House, 64-68 Camberwell Church Street

London

SE5 8JB

United Kingdom

Email: [bids@stgilestrust.org.uk](mailto:bids@stgilestrust.org.uk)

Region: UKI44 - Lewisham and Southwark

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. CWC25129 - Lot 1. Targeted Youth Support

## **VOICEABILITY ADVOCACY**

C/O Sayer Vincent, 110, Golden Lane

London

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United Kingdom

Email: [fundraising@voiceability.org](mailto:fundraising@voiceability.org)

Region: UKI43 - Haringey and Islington

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Contract 2. CWC25129 - Lot 2. Parental Advocacy

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Wolverhampton City Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVBV-7568-LBLL

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Wolverhampton

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government