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Contract

Provision of Advocacy Services in Buckinghamshire

Buckinghamshire Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

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Main address

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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 Advocacy Services in Buckinghamshire

Reference number

DN509366

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 notice for social and specific services in accordance with Directive 2014/24/EU Article 74

Buckinghamshire Council wish to commission Statutory Advocacy Services in Buckinghamshire. The service provision will be divided into 2 lots. Organisations can tender for one or both lots.

LOT 1 – Childrens Advocacy Services

The Children's advocacy service will support children and young people within Bucks to have their voices heard and to enable them to actively participate and put forward their preferences surrounding any process involving their future care. It also provides them with positive role models who can actively help shape their future and help them develop self-advocacy skills for later in life.

It is a statutory requirement to provide advocacy services to children if they are receiving care and support from the local authority in order to help them understand and be part of the process when reviewing or setting up care packages, to help them raise concerns and protect their rights. This will include; children with disabilities, asylum seekers & unaccompanied minors, children in 'out of county' placements, children in secure units, psychiatric units and hospitals and young carers who do not have adult support due to parental substance misuse or medical infirmity.

The Service will deliver four identified functions:

Function 1: Independent Advocacy to Children Issue Based Advocacy (IBA)

Function 2: Residential Visiting Advocacy (RVA)

Function 3: Independent Visitors Advocacy (IV) For Looked After Children –

Function 4: Regulation 44 Visits into Childrens Homes

The budget for this service is £132,000 per annum.

LOT 2 – Integrated Advocacy Service

Advocacy support is a statutory requirement placed on the local authority to support and enable people to speak for themselves, express their views and wishes, and support them to be part of the decision process surrounding their care and support needs. Through the service people will be empowered to participate in decisions surrounding them including; their support, care provisions and living provisions as well as ensuring that they are included within key decisions that affect them and are able to voice their preferences.

This Service will subscribe to the key principles set out in the Buckinghamshire Adult Social Care “Better Lives” strategy and the NHS Long term plan for Buckinghamshire. https://www.buckscg.gov.uk/media/4512397/asc-strategy_v1-bl-04_2018.pdf

The principles have a key focus on helping people to gain or regain the skills that they need to live independently by supporting themselves in the short term and expecting that wherever possible people will support themselves in the longer term.

The Service will deliver three identified functions;

Function 1: Provide Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA) and Relevant Person Representative (RPR)

Function 2: Provide Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA)

Function 3: Provide Care Act Advocacy to Adults, Children and Young People Transitioning from Childrens Services to Adult Social Care

Function 4: Provide Community Advocacy

The budget for this service is £268,567 per annum.

The contract start date is Thursday 1st July 2021. The contract term is 3 years with the option to extend for two further years.

Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE) may apply to this contract.

If your organisation wishes to participate in this process, you need to register with the Buckinghamshire Business Portal. You will be unable to take part if you do not register. Please use the link below and follow the instructions on the website:

www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk

Tenders must be returned via the Buckinghamshire Business Portal. The tender return date is midday on Friday 11th December 2020. Tenders received after this time and date will not be accepted.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,205,701

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Childrens Advocacy

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Integrated Statutory Advocacy

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 222-547581](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN509366

Lot No

1

Title

Lot 1 - Childrens Advocacy

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 June 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS)

Tower Hill, Tower Road

Birkenhead

CH41 1FF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £396,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN509366

Lot No

2

Title

Lot 2 - Integrated Statutory Advocacy

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 June 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

POhWER

Hertlands House, Primett Road

Stevenage

SG1 3EE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £805,701

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Buckinghamshire Council

Aylesbury

HP20 1UA

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

High Courts of Justice

The Royal Court of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom