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Contract

## **The Provision of Advocacy and Independent Visitor Services for Children and Young People**

Dorset Council

F03: Contract award notice

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

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Dorset Council

Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park

Dorchester

DT1 1XJ

#### **Contact**

Commercial and Procurement Team

#### **Email**

[dp@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:dp@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK25 - Dorset

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**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**

The Provision of Advocacy and Independent Visitor Services for Children and Young People

Reference number

DN680785

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

The Council is seeking a suitable Provider to provide Advocacy and Independent Visitor (IV) services.

As Dorset Council has a statutory duty to provide an independent advocacy service that supports children and young people to have their views and wishes taken into account when key decisions are being made about their lives. The Council also has a statutory duty to provide an independent visitor (IV) service for looked after children if they believe that it would be in the child's best interest to have one.

It is anticipated that the contract will commence on the 1 August 2024 for an initial contract period of 3 years, with the options to extend annually for a further 3 years (3+1+1+1).

Therefore, if all available extensions were taken the total contract period would be 6 years.

#### **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: £1,145,649

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

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

NUTS codes

- UKK25 - Dorset

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Service Provision / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Presentation / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 50

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

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#### **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**

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: [2024/S 000-000388](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

1

### **Title**

The Provision of Advocacy and Independent Visitor Services for Children and Young People

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

30 April 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

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

The National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS)

Tower House, 1 Tower Road

Birkenhead

CH41 1FF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK25 - Dorset

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,145,649

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Dorset Council, Monitoring Officer

Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park

Dorchester

DT1 1XJ

Country

United Kingdom