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Award

Young Persons Support and Guidance

Rochdale Borough Council

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Scope

Description

A support service that will enable Rochdale Local Authority to carry out its statutory duties with regard to the participation of young people, between the ages of 16 and 17 (and 19-25 where young people have an Education Health and Care Plan or are from a care background).

This will be achieved by supporting and influencing young people to raise aspirations, supporting their ability to participate in education, training or employment with training.

Rochdale Borough Council's objective is to commission a Support and Outreach service for Rochdale's priority groups of young people that tracks, identifies and intervenes early and offers ongoing appropriate specialist support and guidance, which will enable them to make informed, realistic decisions for effective transition into Education, Employment and/or Training (EET) and reduce Rochdale Borough's NEET numbers.

The service will be innovative and highly flexible, responding quickly to changes in legislation and local priorities.

Contract 1

Supplier

- POSITIVE STEPS OLDHAM

Contract value

- £1,867,907.04 excluding VAT
- £2,241,488.45 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

20 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

20 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 3 March 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

14 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

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

Description of possible extension:

+1

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Information about tenders

- 7 tenders received

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

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Supplier

POSITIVE STEPS OLDHAM

- Companies House: 02563094
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGRH-8766-MRCZ

Medtia Place, 80 union Street

Oldham

OL1 1DJ

United Kingdom

Email: donnamarshall@positive-steps.org.uk

Website: <http://www.positive-steps.org.uk>

Region: UKD37 - Greater Manchester North East

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Rochdale Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXXD-6682-MDRX

Number One Riverside

Rochdale

OL16 1XU

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@star-procurement.gov.uk

Region: UKD37 - Greater Manchester North East

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Star Procurement

Summary of their role in this procurement: Shared Service that provides Procurement support

- Companies House: Star Procurement
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