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Planning

Advocacy and Independent Visitor Services in Norfolk for Looked after Children, Care Leavers and Children and Young People on a Child Protection Plan

Norfolk County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Advocacy and Independent Visitor Services in Norfolk for Looked after Children, Care Leavers and Children and Young People on a Child Protection Plan

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Norfolk County Council is seeking experienced providers for two services for Looked after Children (LAC), and Children and Young People on a Child Protection Plan. The services will be tendered as two 'Lots'. Lot 1: Independent Advocacy Lot 2: Independent Visitors (IV

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Independent Advocacy

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Independent Advocacy provides LAC, Care Leavers and Children and Young People on a Child Protection Plan with an Advocate who helps to ensure their voice is heard when decisions are being made about them. An Advocate supports Children and Young People to resolve issues, empowers them to engage and speak out for themselves and helps them to understand their rights and available services.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Independent Visitors

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Independent Visitors (IV) is a befriending service for LAC. IVs are volunteers who act as a consistent adult for children and young people during uncertain and turbulent times. They engage LAC in positive activities and act as an additional support for the child or young person, separate from professionals.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

10 October 2022

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

We will commission these services under one tender process, providers will likely be able to bid for one or both lots. We are interested in hearing from providers who think they could deliver one or both lots. These two services are part of Norfolk County Council's statutory duty to LAC, Care Leavers and Children and Young People on a Child Protection Plan. Children and Young People can self-refer for these services and are also referred by professionals such as their Social Worker, Independent Reviewing Officer, or their carer. Services will be co-produced with Children and Young People and other stakeholders. The budget is approximately £392,000 per annum, this is a total amount for both lots. Please note that this is a provisional amount which is subject to change. A final financial envelope will be detailed in the service specification. This is an exciting opportunity to be person-centred in supporting and empowering Children and Young People to be at the heart of decisions being made about them, and to bring about positive change in their lives. The contracts will commence on 1st April 2023. Prior to the publication of a contract notice, we wish to engage with the market the week commencing 27th June 2022 and on an ongoing basis following that. We would like to invite feedback and gauge interest from potential providers. To arrange a Teams meeting, please contact Hannah Robinson, Commissioning and Service Development Manager:

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