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Contract

Violence Reduction Unit- Trauma Informed Research Partner

MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR POLICE AND CRIME

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0406df

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR POLICE AND CRIME

169 Union Street

LONDON

SE10LL

Email

Vrucommissioning@london.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI44 - Lewisham and Southwark

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Violence Reduction Unit- Trauma Informed Research Partner

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 London VRU is keen to understand more about trauma-informed and trauma-responsive approaches in violence prevention - to support children, young people and families, to support the workforce and to build system change across partnerships.

The VRU advocates for a public health approach to violence reduction. Developing a consistent, collaborative approach to understanding and implementing trauma-informed and trauma-responsive practice across London is crucial to this approach. This will provide strong foundations to effect meaningful systems change across partnerships, through shared learning and greater exploration of the impact of trauma-informed practice on violence and harm in the capital.

We recognise there is likely to be significant variation in trauma-informed and trauma-responsive understanding and practice both within and between these core agencies and wider partnerships, and that these agencies will already be developing and embedding approaches across their workforce and services.

By generating evidence and insight in relation to a trauma-informed and trauma-responsive approaches to violence reduction, this contract will establish a baseline from which the VRU can support borough partnerships, sharing learning around promising practice barriers and benefits. A shared definition and understanding of trauma-informed practice will facilitate more robust evaluations of what works across a range of contexts. Critical to this will be the development of a clear roadmap that includes the key elements required to move the Capital from present state towards standardised best practice, ensuring London is a truly trauma responsive city.

The VRU is looking to commission a qualitative research piece, mapping trauma-informed

and trauma-responsive practice related to violence prevention across the capital. Linking to the Serious Violence Duty, this commission and associated research will focus specifically on Local Authorities, the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and London NHS Integrated Care Boards (ICBs)

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: £275,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The specific aims of the research, focusing on the three sectors identified above, will be to:

- Collaboratively establish a definition of trauma-informed that is contextualised for London.
- Provide the VRU with a broad understanding of the current landscape of trauma-informed and trauma-responsive practice in violence prevention and reduction.
- Develop a suite of promising practice that can be shared across the sector and support the growing evidence base for trauma-informed work.
- Generate a roadmap/framework through which organisations across London can understand and progress on their journey towards being trauma-responsive.
- Ensure the development of the evidence base relating to the impact of trauma-informed and trauma-responsive practice on violence reduction, and beyond.

To be eligible for these funds the provider(s) must;

- A strong knowledge of trauma informed practice, specifically in the context of violence reduction/prevention.
- Experience conducting research across either a NHSE, policing or local authority context.
- Experience of using qualitative methods to research complex systems across several sites simultaneously and at scale.
- Experience building strong relationships and collaborating with stakeholders at many levels.
- Experience capturing and meaningfully sharing promising practice.
- Strong qualitative data analysis skills.
- Strong listening and facilitation skills.
- Capacity to meet the stated timeframes through having existing, appropriately skilled, competent, and resourced staff in place.
- Strong data protection systems and processes.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Criterion / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

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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: [2023/S 000-028874](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Dartington Services Design Lab

Devon

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

Charity Commission (England and Wales)

1099202

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £264,230

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom