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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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### **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](mailto: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

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## **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](#)

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom