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Contract

## **Independent Advocacy Services**

West Northamptonshire Council

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

West Northamptonshire Council

One Angel Square, Angel Street

Northampton

NN1 1ED

#### **Email**

[procurement@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@westnorthants.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKF24 - West Northamptonshire

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.westnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[www.in-tendorganiser.co.uk/wnc](http://www.in-tendorganiser.co.uk/wnc)

#### **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**

Independent Advocacy Services

Reference number

WNC00000204

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

The Authority is seeking one organisation to provide Independent Advocacy services across West Northamptonshire. Local Authorities have a duty to involve people in decisions made about them and their care and support. No matter how complex a person's needs, Local Authorities are required to help people express their wishes and feelings, support them in weighing up their options, and assist them in making their own decisions during the assessment, care planning, review processes, and also including safeguarding enquiries. The service will enable people who have substantial difficulty being involved in the key processes and interactions with the local authority to be supported in that involvement as fully as possible, and where necessary be represented by an advocate who speaks on their behalf. It will ensure that people's wishes, feelings and needs are at the heart of the assessment, care planning and review processes and will focus on the presenting issue, be person-centered, de

#### **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: £443,236.42

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

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

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

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

NUTS codes

- UKF24 - West Northamptonshire

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

The service will enable people who have substantial difficulty being involved in the key processes and interactions with the local authority to be supported in that involvement as fully as possible, and where necessary be represented by an advocate who speaks on their behalf. It will ensure that people's wishes, feelings and needs are at the heart of the assessment, care planning and review processes and will focus on the presenting issue, be person-centered, delivered in line with relevant legislation and guidance and be resource and cost effective.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 90%

Price - Weighting: 0%

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

Options: No

### **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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-008092](#)

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

### **Contract No**

1

### **Title**

Independent Advocacy Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

22 May 2023

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

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

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

POhWER

Suite 4 Middlesex House Meadway Corporate Centre Stevenage SG1 2EF

Stevenage

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £443,236

Total value of the contract/lot: £443,236

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

West northamptonshire Council

Northamptonshire

NN1 1ED

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

West Northamptonshire Council

Northampton

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

West Northamptonshire Council

Northampton

Country

United Kingdom