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Tender

The Provision of An All Age Direct Payment Support Service

Sefton Council

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Scope

Reference

DN770667

Description

Sefton Council aim to collaborate with key partners and the community to develop various services. By working together as a strategic partnership, we seek to enhance the growth and resilience of diverse communities across the borough. We will focus on creating person-centred and strength-based services that meet individuals' needs.

The key aspirations for Direct Payment & Personal Health Budgets are:

- Focus on the individual, their strengths, choices, assets and goals
- Focus on the outcomes that individuals and carers wish to achieve
- A comprehensive support offer that enables the person to manage their Direct Payment or Personal Health Budget effectively and lawfully

Total value (estimated)

- £2,141,100 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2028
- Possible extension to 31 October 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Year 1 extension Nov 2028 - Oct 2029 to be used if provider continues to perform to expectation

Year 2 extension Nov 2029 - Oct 2030 to be used if provider continues to perform to expectation

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85320000 - Social services

Contract locations

- UKD73 - Sefton

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Contract limit and Financial Assessment Ratios - See tender documents for details

Technical ability conditions of participation

Relevant experience and contract examples

Organisational Standards

Health & Safety

Compliance with Equality Legislation

Data Protection

Safeguarding

Project Specific Questions to Assess Technical and Professional Ability

See tender documents for details

Submission

Enquiry deadline

14 May 2025, 12:00pm

Deadline for requests to participate

21 May 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://procontract.due-north.com/CreateRFx/CreateRFx?stepId=ed673c7d-a213-f011-8136-005056b64545>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

29 July 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality Questions and Method Statements	Quality and Method Statement Questionnaire	Quality	90%

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Social Value	Social Value Questionnaire	Quality	10%

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

1. Increase in the number of Direct Payment recipients and the capacity within the current contract to enable us to respond to increased demand. This area is of strategic importance to both adults and children, so it is high risk. We need the ability to respond by expanding the contract.
2. Possible changes to legislation or policy.
3. The use of Artificial Intelligence will require clear oversight and governance of any use and possible amendments to contractual terms.
4. Possible divergence of requirements of the collaborating parties to the agreement which may require either changes to the agreement or possible withdrawal of one or more of the partners.
5. Possibility of bringing part or the whole of the Services back in house to be provided by Sefton Council.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

Preliminary Market engagement initiated prior to commencement of the PA2023 regulations.

Expressions of Interest were requested via Contracts Finder reference DP EOI # 1 SEFT001-DN763136-60384534

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government