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Tender

CWC20086 - Provision of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) Best Interest Assessors

Wolverhampton City Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice with call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

www.wolverhamptontenders.com

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.wolverhamptontenders.com

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

CWC20086 - Provision of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) Best Interest Assessors

Reference number

DN554612

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Wolverhampton City Council (the “Council”) invites bids for admittance to the framework from suitably experienced and qualified Provider’s to undertake ad hoc Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) assessments. This will be on an independent basis on behalf of the Supervisory Body (the “Council”).

The assessments are carried out under the provisions of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards legislation 2009 which forms part of the Mental Capacity Act 2005. This contract is only valid while the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards 2009 is statute, and would be deemed void if new legislation were to be brought in.

The Provider must be able to commission Best Interest Assessors (BIAs) to undertake assessments of adults aged 18 years and above in care homes and hospitals. They must identify, challenge and where possible, re-dress discrimination and inequality in all its forms. The Provider must ensure that BIAs can respect individuals’ qualities, abilities and diverse backgrounds and promote the rights, dignity and self-determination of individuals who might be deprived of their liberty. This is alongside being able to meet the timescale of the contract and providing assessments which will withstand legal scrutiny.

Tender information is available at www.wolverhamptontenders.com

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £270,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

18

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

As per the tender documentation available at www.wolverhamptontenders.com

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

The Provider of the service is required to ensure all BIAs are either a registered Social Worker, Registered Nurse, Occupational Therapist or Psychologist.

The Provider must ensure all BIA's are registered with either the Health Care Professionals Council, Social Work England or Nursing and Midwifery Council and provide details of their registration.

The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards legislation 2009 requires at least two years post qualifying experience, to undertake BIA training, including annual refresher training. BIAs must also have experience within at least one of the following specialist fields:

- Learning Disability
- Mental Health
- Physical Sensory Impairment
- Brain Injury
- Safeguarding

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

As per tender documentation available at www.wolverhamptontenders.com

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

The Authority will appoint a minimum of two (2) up to a maximum of five (5) Providers on this Framework agreement.

To be awarded a place on this Framework Agreement, providers must:

- Achieve at least a score of 3 out of 5 for each quality question to meet the minimum standard to enable award of contract. Scoring below a 3 will mean your bid may be deemed non-compliant and will not be evaluated further.
- Be within the top 5 highest scoring providers based on the award criteria which has been set at:

-Commercial 20%

-Quality (inc. Social Value) 80%

The total of the award criteria for the weighted sections above will be calculated and added together to give the final score of the tenderers bid.

Further information is available at www.wolverhamptontenders.com

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

10 September 2021

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures

22 October 2021