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Planning

Safer Accommodation for Victims of Domestic Abuse

Leicestershire County Council

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/index.html>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Safer Accommodation for Victims of Domestic Abuse

Reference number

DN680029

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Leicestershire County Council (the Authority) is currently considering options for the future design and procurement of their Safer Accommodation for Victims of Domestic Abuse. The purpose of this soft market testing exercise is to determine the level of interest in the marketplace for the delivery of Safer Accommodation for Victims of Domestic Abuse across Leicestershire. This is a new service for Authority to meet its duties under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, with a view to commencing on 01/04/2024.

In order to understand what services and support are required locally to support these duties, the Authority has completed a Strategic Needs Assessment to assess the need for accommodation-based domestic abuse support across Leicestershire for all victims. This needs assessment has been used to inform the development of a strategy for the provision of support in Leicestershire – the final version of the Leicestershire Domestic Abuse Reduction Strategy2022-2025 can be found at:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/field/pdf/2022/1/6/domestic-abuse-reduction-strategy-2022-2025.pdf>

The Strategic Needs Assessment has highlighted there are currently 21 safe accommodation spaces in Leicestershire. Based on the population of Leicestershire-706,155 it is recommended to have at least 70 spaces. The current provision available in Leicestershire is below the recommended level.

Leicestershire County Council intends to secure the following type of safe accommodation:

1. Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) specific units
2. Specialist units for larger families
3. Pet friendly units
4. Self-contained units to accommodate families with older male children.
5. Self-contained units for those from Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities (LGBT+)
6. Units for those from the Gypsy, Roma and traveller (GRT) community
7. Accessible refuge accommodation for older victims and those with disabilities

The above spaces will be broken down into different lots:

Lot 1:

> Specialist accommodation for BAME victims

Lot 2:

> Family-sized/flexible units (including, suitable for older children particularly boys),

> Units for families with pets

> Accessible accommodation for older victims/victims with disabilities.

Lot 3:

> Specialist units for those from LGBT+ communities

Lot 4:

> Specialist units for GRT Communities

As a part of this process, the commissioners of this service are keen to capture provider experience, skills, knowledge and concerns at an early point to ensure these can be fully considered throughout the service and procurement design phases.

This exercise is not a formal tendering process. Participation in this exercise is completely voluntary and submitting, or not submitting a response, would not preclude you from any further procurement activity.

The Authority is seeking written responses to the Questionnaire (there is no obligation to answer all the questions; and no scoring will take place). Following the submission of the questionnaire and upon consideration of the responses, the Authority may wish to invite providers to attend a follow up meeting to discuss your responses. Attendance is not in any way mandatory, but a face-to-face discussion would assist the Authority in determining future commissioning and procurement intentions.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As above in II.1.4.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

21 July 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No