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Planning

Request For Information for Advocacy Services in Sussex

Brighton & Hove City Council
East Sussex County Council
West Sussex County Council
NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts
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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Brighton & Hove City Council

Hove Town Hall, Norton Road

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Contact

Procurement Team

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk

I.1) Name and addresses

East Sussex County Council

Lewes

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.1) Name and addresses

West Sussex County Council

Chichester

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

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I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

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

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Brighton and Hove City Council, East Sussex County Council, West Sussex County Council and NHS Sussex are in the process of undertaking an exercise to recommission Advocacy Services in Sussex. Prior to the commencement of a procurement, we wish to engage with key stakeholders to gather information via an online questionnaire. This is not an invitation to tender.

Currently, the above commissioning authorities have an advocacy contract held by a lead provider, which covers the following services:

- Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy and Relevant Person Paid Representative across West Sussex, East Sussex and Brighton and Hove
- Independent Care Act Advocacy for West Sussex and Brighton and Hove
- Independent Mental Health Advocacy for Brighton and Hove
- Independent Health Complaints Advocacy for Brighton and Hove
- Community advocacy for Brighton and Hove

The advocacy service contract is due to expire in June 2025 and the joint commissioning authorities above are seeking to procure advocacy services beyond this date to ensure that high quality advocacy services continue to be available to all eligible residents of Sussex.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purpose of Engagement:

This engagement questionnaire has been designed to be the first stage of our market engagement activities and is intended to build upon our existing knowledge of the market in Sussex and the wider UK.

Throughout the engagement exercise, we hope to use the information and feedback we receive to develop our plans for the future of advocacy services in Sussex and to help us to deliver high quality services.

This is an open engagement exercise in which any potential providers can participate. A summary of the engagement process along with any learning and how it has influenced service design would be published as part of any subsequent procurement process.

This is an open invite to engage with us and all participants to this initial engagement will be made aware of future opportunities to engage with us.

II.2.14) Additional information

Questionnaire:

1. Would you be interested in taking on a contract to deliver the above services, and if not why not? [500 word limit]
2. Are there any issues that would prevent you bidding? [500 word limit]
3. Please outline briefly what type of RPPR services you have delivered? Including any issues you have overcome and how you overcame them. [500 word limit]
4. What model of delivery do you think would work well for these services? E.g. single provider, lead provider model, consortium, etc. [500 word limit]
5. List different ways in which you have increased the reach of your contracts specifically in relation to community advocacy, in relation to supporting an increased number of people. [500 word limit]

Please submit your responses to the above questions to Nick.Streets@eastsussex.gov.uk and Sophie.Furniss@brighton-hove.gov.uk by 12 Noon on Friday 2nd August 2024.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

4 November 2024