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Planning

Early Market Engagement - Home and Community Care for Children with Disabilities

Northumberland County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

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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

Early Market Engagement - Home and Community Care for Children with Disabilities

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Due to the approaching expiry of an existing contract Northumberland County Council are advertising to seek tenders from suitably experienced and qualified organisations with the intention of creating an improved framework of multiple Suppliers (on a non exclusive basis) who are able to deliver support for disabled children and young people within their homes and community. This will be in line with assessed levels of need and may form part of a continuum of care.

It is intended that the service shall:

? Build capacity within the home environment and support families to develop strategies and skills to assist with the management of the child's needs and/or condition(s);

? Enable children and young people to access social and leisure opportunities, assisting them to integrate into local universal and specialist community resources;

? Enable family carers to take a break from their caring role. The family carers may choose to remain in the home or to take a break outside of the home.

Delivery may include the provision of day, evening and weekend activities for the child or young person and can take place in the child's own home, the home of an approved carer or in a community setting.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council wishes to create a framework that will allow it to purchase services from multiple Suppliers (on a non exclusive basis) for individual disabled children and their families through a variety of targeted and specialist services delivered within the home and/or community.

The framework is required to provide disabled children and young people aged 0-18 with an individual support service that is personalised to meet their needs. These needs will be identified by the Council via an assessment and both the need and the way it will be met will be communicated to the Supplier via the Care Plan.

Children and young people may be eligible for support and services if they:

? Have a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long-term effect on their ability to carry out day to day activities; and

? Need some support to enable them to live in the family home and the community.

The Services provided should take into account the individual and unique nature of each child and young person and should be planned to meet assessed needs. It follows that the nature and complexity of need will vary depending upon the age of the child and the level of disability. This may include a physical or learning disability, a hearing or visual impairment. It includes children with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome and children who may have challenging behaviour as a result of their learning disability. It also includes children who have complex health needs and who may have a palliative, life limiting or life threatening condition.

Suppliers should be able to demonstrate that they understand the differing needs of children when compared to adults and that their Service is able to meet the needs of children and young people across the full 0-18 age range. This includes the ability to understand and respect the role and wishes of the parent/carer and understand the sensitivities of delivering a service within a family home where people other than the child/young person receiving the service may live. Parent carers may have other children to support and the service shall give support to a child, which enables the whole family to function in a positive way.

Families may require support to build capacity within the home and the community and develop skills and strategies in order to assist with the management of their child's condition. Children and families may also require support in order to access social and leisure opportunities.

The Council are seeking to ensure that there is sufficient capacity to meet the assessed needs of children and young people and to ensure that need is met via high quality, value for money Framework arrangements.

Complementary Information:

A provider information and engagement event is scheduled to be held as follows:

Thursday 8th September 11.00 - 12.00, via Teams Call

Please register your place at this event by contacting Karen Davison on telephone number 01670 623960 or email: Karen.Davison01@northumberland.gov.uk. who will forward a link to the Teams meeting

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 October 2022

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