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Planning

DA and VAWG Support Service for Southwark

London Borough of Southwark

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

DA and VAWG Support Service for Southwark

Reference number

DN730137

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Reducing Domestic Abuse (DA) and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is a key priority for the Council and the statutory Community Safety Partnership. In 2015, Southwark developed a five year Domestic Abuse Strategy highlighting a plan to reduce DA in the borough. In 2019, this was replaced with a five year VAWG Strategy in recognition of the need to deliver a partnership response to all areas of gender based violence, not only DA.

In 2022, recognising the need for a transformative step change in the way that services were brought together under these aims, the Council made a commitment in its delivery plan to “establish a ground-breaking Women’s Safety Centre, so women and girls experiencing violence or abuse can access all the support they need in one place.”

Building on the evidence base that informed the 2019 strategy, over 2023 and early 2024 the Council completed an in-depth review of DA and VAWG services in Southwark. The service review included a review of current domestic abuse service provision with stakeholders, statutory and voluntary sector organisations, and service users, to understand what is working well, what needs to be improved, and where there are gaps in the current service.

The review was informed by a statistical review of VAWG crime data, supported with data from housing and children’s services, and existing service providers, to shape an up to date needs assessment.

This process has fed into the development of a detailed Strategic Needs Assessment and Equalities Impact and Needs Assessment outlining the case for a transformed service.

Drawing on the extensive contributions from survivors, services and the voluntary and community sector, the key headline areas identified in relation to the development of a new service can be summarised under the headings listed below:

- a. Range and scope of services
- b. How services are organised
- c. Skills, awareness and capacity
- d. Communications and public perception

The Council is looking to now procure the services following a competitive dialogue process adapted to the Council's needs under the Public Contract Regulation's (2015) light touch regime (LTR).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI44 - Lewisham and Southwark

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Options for renewal will be included at year four (4) for 4 years and at year eight (8) for 2 years.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

13 August 2024

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: Yes