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Contract

Southampton Integrated Advocacy Services

Southampton City Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-037bf2

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ32 - Southampton

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.southampton.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Southampton Integrated Advocacy Services

Reference number

SCC-ICU-0053

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Southampton City Council is seeking bids from relevant providers for the provision an integrated advocacy service for adults and children in Southampton. The service will

include the provision of statutory advocacy and non-statutory advocacy for both adults, children and young people, besides an Independent Visitor (IV) service for Children Looked After (CLA) and - subject to the Council exercising options to modify the contract value - additional services relating to Return Home Interviews for Children Looked After (CLA) and advocacy services relating to the implementation of Liberty Protection Safeguards.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £2,986,247

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This procurement will follow the Open type procedure and will be conducted in compliance with The Public Contracts Regulations 74-77, 2015, under the Light Touch Regime.

The range of statutory advocacy provision to be delivered includes the following:

- Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA) as determined by the Mental Health Act 1983 (MHA) - including the provision of IMHA within private psychiatric facilities within the boundaries of Southampton City Council.
- Independent Mental Capacity Act Advocacy (IMCA) including Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) IMCA, as determined by the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (MCA) and IMCA for Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) as introduced by the Mental Capacity Amendment Act 2019.
- Paid Relevant Person's Representative (Paid RPR) as determined by the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (MCA).
- Care Act 2014 Advocacy as determined by the Care Act 2014

- Children's Statutory Advocacy: Advocacy to support those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) under the Children and Families Act (2014).
- Independent NHS Complaints Advocacy (IHCAS).
- CLA (Children Looked After) Advocacy in accordance with the Children Act 1989 and The Adoption and Children Act 2002 s.26A.
- Provision of Return Home Interviews service for Children Looked After (CLA).

The range of non-statutory advocacy provision to be delivered includes the following:

- Supporting individuals through the hospital discharge process and decision making about discharge and support options.
- Supporting parents who have a learning disability and whose child is subject to child protection proceedings.
- Supporting self-advocacy groups and self-advocates to lead the advocacy support that they receive, to attend forums and meetings across Southampton, to understand and have a say over the issues which impact their lives.
- To support self-advocates to attend Southampton's Learning Disabilities Partnership Board.
- Supporting individuals to become peer advocates, so enabling people with a shared experience to support and empower each other.
- Providing advocacy support to individuals and groups as part of strategic service reviews and system redesign undertaken by public sector bodies.

Please see Document 3 Service Specification for more service-related information.

For delivery of the specification requirements (with the exception of Return Home Interviews) suppliers will be required to bid against an available funding resource of:

£386,863 for the first year of the initial contract term.

£407,971 per annum for each of the remaining 2 years of the initial contract period.

£407,971 per annum for any periods of contract extension (i.e., up to a maximum of two periods of extension, each of 12 months' duration).

In meeting additional obligations arising under the implementation of Liberty Protection

Safeguards (LPS), as introduced by the Mental Capacity Amendment Act 2019 - which date of implementation has yet to be confirmed - the Council may exercise the option to modify the contract to increase its value by up to a further £165,000 per annum. The Council may choose to modify the contract by all, part, or none of this amount.

In meeting additional obligations in respect to the provision of Return Home interviews the Council may exercise the option to modify the contract to increase its value by up to a further £30,000 per annum. The Council may choose to modify the contract by all, part, or none of this amount.

This procurement therefore provides for a maximum estimated contract value of £2,986,247

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 37

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 3

Price - Weighting: 60

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Council has the option, at its discretion, to extend the initial contract term period by two further periods, each of up to 12 months in duration

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SCC-ICU-0053

Title

Southampton Integrated Advocacy Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 May 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Advocacy People

Unit 2, 3rd Floor, Rock House, 49-51 Cambridge Road,

Hastings

TN34 1DT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

Companies House

03963421

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,907,888

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Procurement Review Body

London

Country

United Kingdom