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Planning

DF Autism Support Services for People on Probation (South Central)

Ministry of Justice

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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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Probation Services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DF Autism Support Services for People on Probation (South Central)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75231240 - Probation services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Authority is seeking to procure Autism support services within the South Central region, for People on Probation, and is seeking to launch a competition in October 2021

using the Probation Services Dynamic Framework, with an indicative Contract Award Date of January 2022.

A recent MOJ call for evidence on Neuro-divergence estimates that approximately 15-20% of the adult population has some form of neuro-divergence (ADHD, Dyslexia, Autism etc.) with Autism affecting 1-2% of the population. However, the evidence submitted also suggests that individuals with neuro-divergence are significantly over-represented in the Criminal Justice System with 5–7% of those referred to liaison and diversion services, as living with an Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC). Within prisons the prevalence of autistic 'traits' or 'indicators' is estimated be around three times as high (16% - 19%).

There is a huge variation in the impact of Autistic Spectrum Condition on daily life from individual to individual. Whilst people living with Autistic Spectrum Condition can have increased memory ability and other specialist individual skills, they may experience difficulties with language and speech, motor skills, behaviour, memory, learning and other neurological functions.

This service shall provide specialist support and development to People on Probation with a diagnosis of, or strongly suspected of living with an Autistic Spectrum Condition.

This service shall address the individual needs of People on Probation with Autistic Spectrum Condition, helping them to develop strategies and coping mechanisms for everyday life and enabling them to better comply with Probation requirements and address offending behaviour, alongside providing the Probation Practitioner with insights on service adjustments and other approaches to best meet the needs of the individual with Autistic Spectrum Condition.

The Authority envisages that there will be 2 separate Lots, and subsequently 2 separate Contracts for this service for the following Police Crime Commissioner areas in South Central:

Lot 1: Hampshire

Lot 2: Thames Valley

The Authority are happy to be contacted by any providers that may be able to provide services to these regions. Please contact us at ProbationDynamicFramework@justice.gov.uk

Please note, the procurement will be conducted through the Probation Services Dynamic Framework (PSDF). Only Providers who have submitted a PSDF SQ and qualified onto the PSDF under DF.07 Emotional Wellbeing will be invited to bid

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Autism Support Services for Hampshire

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75231240 - Probation services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight
- UKJ31 - Portsmouth
- UKJ32 - Southampton

Main site or place of performance

Hampshire,

Southampton

Portsmouth

Isle of Wight

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As per the short description in section 2 for People on Probation in Hampshire

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Autism Support Services in Thames Valley

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75231240 - Probation services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire
- UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

Main site or place of performance

Milton Keynes

Buckinghamshire

Oxfordshire

Reading

Slough

Bracknell Forest

Wokingham

West Berkshire

Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As per the short description in section 2 for People on Probation in Thames Valley

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

11 October 2021

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

To clarify the Authority are procuring Autism Support Services in the South Central probation region, which covers Hampshire and Thames Valley PCC region(s), which are split out into 2 Lots. Potential providers can bid for either or both of these Lots.

If you have any queries regarding this potential tender opportunity, please contact us at probationdynamicframework@justice.gov.uk