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Planning

Provision of Accommodation Based - Housing Support for Care Experienced Young People in the Falkirk Council area.

Falkirk Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00184

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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<https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

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

Provision of Accommodation Based - Housing Support for Care Experienced Young People in the Falkirk Council area.

Reference number

CS/043/24

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Prior Information Notice relates to a Provider Information Event only in relation to a future Falkirk Council contract opportunity for the Provision of Accommodation Based - Housing Support for Care Experienced Young People in the Falkirk Council area.

Falkirk Council is seeking to work in partnership with a single provider to develop a support service for our care experienced young people, including young people on the National Transfer Scheme, aged 16-26 who meet the eligibility criteria for Accommodation based - Housing Support, to progress their independent living skills and ensure they feel supported in their local community.

The service to be provided is an Accommodation Based - Housing Support service to support up to nine young people with eligible after care needs.

Falkirk Council will provide the accommodation which comprises a property with nine individual en-suite bedrooms and communal living and dining space in Grangemouth.

The duration of the Framework is anticipated to be 12 months with the option of two 12 month extensions.

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
- 75123000 - Administrative housing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM76 - Falkirk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Accommodation Based - Housing Support service for Care Experienced Young People in the Falkirk Council area.

As the service is a new service it has been agreed that a collaborative approach will be used to develop the contract and specification. This approach demonstrates our commitment to the best interests of the young people placed, and a desire to make systems and monitoring useful and manageable.

The collaborative approach will have three stages:

1. A single provider working with the council to design the service.
2. A short-term pilot, with the opportunity to refine the service specification and associated processes.
3. A competitive tender exercise undertaken, where this is determined as the appropriate way forward.

The pilot will run for one year with the option to extend. This period provides an opportunity to look at possible innovative ways of meeting need. The council and the provider will share ideas, and as a result of feedback and discussion the service will be developed. The specification may be refined, producing specified outcomes most appropriate to the needs of this cohort of young people, and the delivery of those outcomes will be assessed.

The provider will be selected via a predetermined scoring system which focusses on both price and quality.

Providers will be required to evidence cost effectiveness and capability to meet the needs of the service from the date of commencement.

The young people will be residing in accommodation, already identified by Falkirk Council, offering nine individual en-suite bedrooms and communal living and dining space in Grangemouth. The support will be available daily within the accommodation, and the ability to offer 24 hour outreach support is desirable but not essential.

The support required will be both practical and emotional and will seek to enhance Social Work support and assist young people to transition into their own home. This may involve role modelling of practical tasks such as cooking, cleaning and laundry or assisting with independent travel.

It is important that the provider can employ staff who are trauma informed and able to work in a strengths-based approach with young people.

The hours of support to each young person will vary depending on the support needs.

It is anticipated that the total level of support will be 20 hours per week.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

2 September 2024

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This notice relates to a Provider Information Event only.

Falkirk Council would like to invite Providers who could provide the service and would be interested in working collaboratively to develop a local service for the Provision of Accommodation based- Housing Support for Care Experienced Young People in existing Grangemouth accommodation to join us for an Information Event on the morning of Thursday 22 August 2024 via Microsoft Teams. It is expected the event will begin at 10am and finish by 12.

To register your attendance at the Information Event, please email cpu@falkirk.gov.uk with the name, designation and email address of those wishing to attend by Monday 19th August. A meeting invite will then be emailed with Joining Instructions.

Additional support and information about tendering is available from:

Supplier Development Programme

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They offer webinars on various topics including tender procedures and SPD question by question. If this is an area you are looking to improve on please take advantage of this resource.

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