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Award

Somewhere safe to stay hub

Bedford Borough Council

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKH24 - Bedford

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.bedford.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

Somewhere safe to stay hub

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
 - DA28 - Social service

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The somewhere safe to stay hub provides vital short term resource for rough sleepers and is an integral service with the prevention surgery and outreach / floating support service, the contract for both of which commenced recently.

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: £655,359

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85322000 - Community action programme
- 85323000 - Community health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH24 - Bedford

Main site or place of performance

Bedford

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The somewhere safe to stay hub contract will run for 27 months,

12 individuals will be supported at any one time.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

In May 2022 the Council received confirmation of funding for rough sleeper support services from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The funding covers provision of three inter-dependent services to prevent rough sleeping and support those at risk of rough sleeping, covering:

1. Prevention surgery
2. Outreach and floating support
3. Somewhere safe to stay hub

The prevention surgery and outreach / floating support services (1 and 2 above) were subject to an open tender under Public Contract regulations. The ITT was published on contracts finder 30/05/22 and the contract was awarded following a standstill period 18/07/22. (Contracts finder reference 323CD4B8-C3EF-44E1-9A35-87BBD84D1EC3).

Only one tender submission was received. The contract was awarded to the solitary bidder, SMART CJS. The contract commences 01/09/22 and expires 31/03/2025.

The Council had intended to include the Somewhere safe to stay hub service in the original tender but was unable to do so as suitable Council owned accommodation could not be identified / acquired at the time and it would have been inappropriate to ask bidders to tender for the provision of services in an unknown location (or locations). The tender for the prevention and outreach / floating support service could not be delayed as the service needed to commence 01/09/22. The Council has now acquired suitable accommodation and wishes to award the somewhere safe to stay hub service to SMART CJS. The Council considers it essential that all three services detailed above are provided by the same organisation - as effectively each of the services are fully integrated and apply to the same cohort of often complex individuals. It would be difficult to manage referrals and the effective transfer of personal data between multiple providers and a sole provider can ensure continuity of service and a consistent support environment for vulnerable

individuals. The somewhere safe to stay hub will provide a vital resource to the team managing the prevention surgery and outreach / floating support services.

The Council therefore intends to award the contract for somewhere safe to stay hub services to Smart CJS.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Smart Criminal Justice Services Ltd.

Cambridge

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Companies House

03398982

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £655,359

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom