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Contract

## **Independent Visitor, Children's Rights and Advocacy Service**

West Berkshire Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0347e0

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Newbury

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ11 - Berkshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.westberks.gov.uk](http://www.westberks.gov.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Independent Visitor, Children's Rights and Advocacy Service

Reference number

P00000746

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85320000 - Social services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Children Acts 1989 and 2004 stipulate that a Local Authority has to appoint an Independent Visitor (IV) for any child they are looking after if the Authority thinks it would be in the child's best interests. An Independent Visitor is a volunteer who is independent of social care services, and they are there to visit and to 'befriend and advise' the child. This service also provides a Children's Rights and Advocacy Service for Children in Need, Children subject to Child Protection Plans, Children in Care and Care Leavers.

#### **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: £341,250

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85320000 - Social services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Cost criterion - Name: 40% / Weighting: 40%

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

Independent Visitor, Children's Rights & Advocacy Service

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## **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**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-016699](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Title**

Independent Visitor, Children's Rights & Advocacy Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

13 September 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

National Youth Advocacy Service

Tower House, Tower Road, Birkenhead. Merseyside. CH41 1 FF

Merseyside

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £347,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £347,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Independent Visitor, Children's Rights & Advocacy Service.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

West Berkshire Council

Newbury

Country

United Kingdom