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Contract

Independent Child Trafficking Guardians

Scottish Government

F20: Modification notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-036324

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Government

Victoria Quay

Edinburgh

EH6 6QQ

Contact

Scott Brice

Email

scott.brice@gov.scot

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Independent Child Trafficking Guardians

Reference number

Case/567403

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312310 - Guidance services
- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation
- 85321000 - Administrative social services
- 85320000 - Social services
- 85312400 - Welfare services not delivered through residential institutions

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

The requirement is for the operation and management of an Independent Child Trafficking Guardian (ICTG) service.

Independent Child Trafficking Guardians (also known as ‘Guardians’) will be appointed by the Service Provider to provide support to unaccompanied children and young people arriving in Scotland and who may have been a victim of, or may be vulnerable to becoming a victim of, human trafficking.

Implementation of the ICTG service will fulfil the duty set out under Section 11 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015, through the development of an Independent Child Trafficking Guardian service, with a focus on prevention of re-trafficking.

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Start date

27 February 2023

End date

31 March 2026

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

Notice number: [2023/S 000-011297](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

CASE/567403

Title

Independent Child Trafficking Guardians

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

23 February 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

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

Scottish Refugee Council

6th Floor Portland House 17 Renfield Street

Glasgow

G2 5AH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £5,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:774236)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Email

edinburgh@scotcourts.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 1312252525

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/court-locations/edinburgh-sheriff-court-and-justice-of-the-peace-court>

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

VII.1.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312310 - Guidance services
- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people
- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation
- 85321000 - Administrative social services
- 85320000 - Social services
- 85312400 - Welfare services not delivered through residential institutions

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

As per section II.2.4

VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Start date

27 February 2023

End date

31 March 2026

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£5,000,000

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

The nature and scope of the contract remain the same. However, the demand for services has increased beyond what was envisaged and therefore, additional funding has been required to ensure continuation of services.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee.

Description of the circumstances which rendered the modification necessary and explanation of the unforeseen nature of these circumstances:

SG officials consider that the combination of an unprecedented number of irregular migrants to the UK (including Scotland) combined with very long timeframes for Home Office decision making has created a backlog which could not be foreseen. Scottish Government Ministers wrote to Home Office Ministers in October 2023 highlighting the need to invest in the UK asylum system to increase the speed and quality of asylum decisions. The issue of National Referral Mechanism decision-making delays has also been raised by Scottish Ministers with the UKG-appointed Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner. In addition, there has been a substantial increase in the number of age-disputed presentations to the Service Provider, partly as a result of the growing number of asylum seekers being accommodated by the Home Office in Scotland under its Full Dispersal programme, and potentially due to the new removal measures for over-18s introduced by the UKG's Illegal Migration Act (2023).

VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £6,500,000