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## **Joined Up advocacy**

Hertfordshire County Council

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## **Scope**

### **Description**

In Hertfordshire, under the current commissioning arrangements, we have multiple services supporting survivors of different forms of violence against women and girls (VAWG) at different risk levels. At present, if someone is subjected to domestic abuse, sexual abuse, and stalking, they could be supported

by an Independent Domestic Violence Advisor ("IDVA") for the domestic abuse, an Independent Sexual Violence Advisor ("ISVA") for the sexual abuse, and an Independent Stalking Advice Caseworker ("ISAC") for the stalking, as well as possibly other community outreach support services. Their support service could

also change as their risk levels change. This can be understandably overwhelming and confusing for survivors and result in them having to tell their experience over and over again. There is also likely to be some duplication of work that is happening across those services. As risk is dynamic and due to the

intersecting nature of VAWG, consideration is being given to the possibility of creating one VAWG advocacy service known as Joined Up Advocacy. This would connect all risk

levels and forms of VAWG under one contract. Consequently, within the Joined-Up Advocacy service, one of the current areas that is being

scoped is in regard to the role of an Independent Gender Violence Advisor ("IGVA") who could provide support to all risk levels, all genders, and multiple forms of VAWG. The expectation is that the Joined-Up Advocacy service would be a county wide service that would act as a One Front Door for those accessing support from the One Stop Shop

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £2,000,000 including VAT

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

### **Main category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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## **Participation**

## **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

1 July 2025

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## **Procedure**

### **Special regime**

Light touch

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Hertfordshire County Council**

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