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Planning

Habilitation Training for Children and Young People with Vision Impairment and/or Dual Sensory Loss

Surrey County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Habilitation Training for Children and Young People with Vision Impairment and/or Dual Sensory Loss

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Surrey County Council are procuring a new contract for the provision of Habilitation Training Services for Children and Young People with Visual Impairment. The new contract is anticipated to start no earlier than 1 April 2022 and will be in place for three years with an option to extend for up to a further 24 months.

The estimated budget for this service £145,000 - £160,000 per annum.

Providers are invited to formally express their interest in this contract giving a full explanation of how they will meet the criteria in writing to the Council at the email address detailed in paragraph I.1 (winnie.turay@surreycc.gov.uk) by Monday 22nd November 2021 at 9:00 am.

This PIN notice will be only used once and if there are no expressions of interest the contract will be directly awarded to Sight for Surrey.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £800,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This service is for children and young people living in Surrey with sight impairment and severe sight impairment.

Services for children and young people with sight impairment and severe sight impairment, will include, but are not limited to:

- Holding the register of children and students that are resident in Surrey with sight impairment and severe sight impairment (approximately 80 -120 CYP per annum)*
- Training for 0-19 centred on personal mobility and navigation/orientation – to use their compensatory skills with the aim of maximising their independence; and
- Training for 0-19 centred on the acquisition of independent living skills – which includes cooking and food preparation, personal care and management of clothing, personal organisation, purchasing goods and money management.
- Preparing children with sight loss for adulthood.

*where a child is a Surrey resident but goes to school outside of Surrey borders, the provider will be responsible for providing this service to them.);

The commissioned provider will employ 3 (minimum) qualified habilitation specialists to:

- Maintain and hold the register of Surrey children and students with sight impairment / severe sight impairment
- Deliver two strands of the expanded core curriculum to a vulnerable cohort of children and students under the umbrella of habilitation, i.e. training centred on personal mobility and navigation/orientation; training centred on the acquisition of independent living skills.
- The commissioned provider will have a successful, evidenced track-record of working with and supporting children and students with vision impairment and multisensory impairment and their families.

In addition, this provider should not only fulfil the statutory requirements for children and

young people with vision impairment but should also offer a holistic service, (this can include signposting events and activities).

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £800,000

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

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The new contract will be in place for three years with an option to extend for up to a further 24 months.

II.2.14) Additional information

Formal expression of interest for this contract must be submitted in writing no later than Monday 22nd November 2021 at 9:00am to winnie.turay@surreycc.gov.uk.

Further information including the specification can be requested via winnie.turay@surreycc.gov.uk.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

25 October 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a procurement under the Light Touch Regime and accordingly the contract may be awarded without further publication. Providers are invited to express their interest in being awarded this contract giving a full explanation of how they will meet the criteria in writing to the Council at the email address detailed in paragraph I.1) by Monday 22nd November 2021 at 9:00 am.

Please submit expressions of interest in writing to the email address detailed in paragraph I.1 (winnie.turay@surreycc.gov.uk).

The provider(s) is expected to demonstrate through an expression of interest:

- A good knowledge of Surrey and it's demographic
- That they are able to deliver a county-wide service for children and young people with vision impairment and/or dual sensory loss
- Successful, evidenced track-record of working with and supporting children and students with vision impairment and multisensory impairment and their families
- Systems and processes in place to ensure governance, accountability and workforce development
- All staff, including permanent and agency staff and volunteers, must be recruited in accordance with current employment and equal opportunities legislation.
- Financial viability to deliver services for five years (three initial years and the option to extend up to a further 24 months)
- Show that they can reach beyond the scope of the statutory work listed and show a commitment to the Local Authority's Social Value Charter