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Contract

Provision of a Local Healthwatch Service

St Helens Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

St Helens Council

Town Hall

St Helens

WA101HP

Contact

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD71 - East Merseyside

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.sthelens.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

Provision of a Local Healthwatch Service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Local Healthwatch

The aim of local Healthwatch is to give citizens and communities a stronger voice to influence and challenge how health and social care services are provided within their locality.

Local Healthwatch are funded by and accountable to local authorities. Their statutory functions are:

1. Promoting and supporting the involvement of local people in the commissioning, the provision and scrutiny of local care services
2. Enabling local people to monitor the standard of provision of local care services and whether and how local care services could and ought to be improved.
3. Obtaining the views of local people regarding their needs for, and experiences of, local care services and importantly to make these views known, sharing these reports with commissioners and to relevant strategic boards(e.g such as but not limited to St Helens People's Board)
4. Making reports and recommendations about how local care services could or ought to be improved within an overall framework that recognises financial constraints. These should be directed to commissioners and providers of care services, and people responsible for managing or scrutinising local care services and shared with Healthwatch England
5. Providing advice and information about access to local care services so choices can be

made about local care services.

6. Formulating views on the standard of provision and whether and how the local care services could and ought to be improved; and sharing these views with Healthwatch England and local authority commissioners.

7. Making recommendations to Healthwatch England to advise the Care Quality Commission to conduct special reviews or investigations (or, where the circumstances justify doing so, making such recommendations direct to the CQC); and to make recommendations to Healthwatch England to publish reports about particular issues.

8. Providing Healthwatch England with the intelligence and insight it needs to enable it to perform effectively.

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: £1,171,786

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD71 - East Merseyside

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Direct Award as after testing the market no suitable providers were available.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

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

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Under Regulation 2(b) (ii) the services can be supplied only by one economic operator for the following reasons: (ii)...., there is no reasonable alternative or substitute and the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement."

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

UID13344

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 May 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Halton & St Helens Voluntary Community Action

St Helens

WA10 1TF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD71 - East Merseyside

Companies House

2539153

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,171,786