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## **Independent Advocacy for adults with Mental Health and/or Addiction Issues**

West Lothian Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02f071

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

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM78 - West Lothian

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00140](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00140)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.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 Advocacy for adults with Mental Health and/or Addiction Issues

Reference number

CC11442

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

WLHSCP wish to commission services for the provision of a professional independent advocacy service which focuses on support to enable people with mental health problems and, or addiction issues to have their wishes heard, make their own choices and take control of their own lives.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,582,800

#### **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

- UKM78 - West Lothian

Main site or place of performance

West Lothian

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

WLHSCP has a responsibility to make provision for independent advocacy under the provisions of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003. To fulfil this responsibility and to promote social inclusion and equality, WLHSCP will commission services for the provision of a professional independent advocacy service which focuses on support to enable people with mental health problems and, or addiction issues to have their wishes heard, make their own choices and take control of their own lives.

In addition, under the terms of this contract additional spot purchase funding will be available for the duration of the contract for the provision of an independent advocacy service to unpaid adult carers.

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,582,800

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Start date

1 April 2022

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The provider should be a fully Independent Advocacy Organisation- as defined by the SIAA.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

The approach to this tender is Light Touch under regulation 74 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015. It is Open to any bidder.

Full specification is included in the ITT.

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.1) Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

It is a mandatory requirement of the contract that the provider is a full member of the Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance (SIAA).

The service must be provided under the principals set out in the SIAA guidance

All Advocates must be fully qualified

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision:

Principles and standards for independent advocacy were published by the Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance in 2008 and updated 2019 and by the Scottish Government in its Guide for Commissioners in 2013. They underpin the service to be provided.

The legislation that underpins advocacy services includes:

- Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003
- Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000
- Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007
- Equalities Act 2010

- Human Rights Act 1998
- National Health & Social Care Standards 2017
- Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013
- The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.

### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

#### III.2) Conditions related to the contract

Organisations must have competent and up to date Adult protection polices.

The provider should be a fully Independent Advocacy Organisation- as defined by the SIAA.

#### III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

The Service must be operated from an office in West Lothian as set out in the full in the Service specification.

### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure**

Information about national procedures is available at: <https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/>

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

Award Criteria: Quality Weighting 100%

Full details are contained in the ITT.

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

6 December 2021

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

A non-evaluated Community Benefits Question is contained in the ITT.

Police Scotland Checks may be carried out as per the ITT.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 19956.

For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Non Evaluated Community Benefits:

Community Benefits proposals will not form part of the award criteria and will not be evaluated but any offered will become contractual obligations. For further procurement information visit the link below.

<http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/2023/Doing-Business-With-The-Council>

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

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

Livingston Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

West Lothian Civic Centre, Howden South Road

Livingston

EH54 6FF

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

