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Planning

Best Interests Assessments (BIA)- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

Staffordshire County Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040227

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.staffordshire.gov.uk

I.3) Communication

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

<https://Supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login#>

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

Best Interests Assessments (BIA)- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

Reference number

IA2942

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

For the avoidance of doubt this is not a Call for Competition. This notice is to facilitate market engagement.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £0.01

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 1

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Provision of end-to-end Best Interests Assessor Service

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Staffordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Staffordshire County Council (SCC) is seeking responses from the independent Best Interests Assessors marketplace about their ability to complete and supply Best Interests Assessments (BIA)- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS). The Council is looking to award against two Lots:-

Lot 1 Provision of end-to-end Best Interests Assessor Service

Lot 2 a Framework of Suppliers to deliver an Independent Best Interests Assessments Service.

Best Interests Assessments are a statutory function of the Local Authority as a part of the assessment process for the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) are designed to protect the interests of extremely vulnerable individuals accommodated in care homes and hospitals - people who have a mental disorder such as dementia or a profound learning disability who lack capacity to give informed consent to the accommodation arrangements made for their care and/or treatment and for whom deprivation of their liberty is considered after an independent assessment to be necessary in their best interests to protect them from harm. Under the current legislation the Local Authority is the supervisory body and as such has the statutory duty to ensure that assessments are undertaken and DoLS authorisations are in place.

SCC is holding a bidder event for interested parties via Teams at 10.00 - 11.00 on the 11th of October 2023. The event is open to all but primarily aimed at independent Best Interest Assessors. The event will give a brief overview of commissioning intentions and

explain the procurement process. There will be an opportunity to raise questions.

If you would like to attend the event, please contact Lisa Dobric lisa.dobric@staffordshire.gov.uk who will send you a meeting invite.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Provision of Independent Best Interests Assessments Service.

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Main site or place of performance

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

21 September 2023

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