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## **Independent Information, Advice and Advocacy Service to Support Independent Living [3854319]**

Business Services Organisation - Procurement and Logistics Service on behalf of Health and Social Care Board HSCB  
Regional Health and Social Care Board

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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

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

Business Services Organisation - Procurement and Logistics Service on behalf of Health and Social Care Board HSCB

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UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

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Buyer's address

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

Regional Health and Social Care Board

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Belfast

BT2 8BS

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

The contract involves 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://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Independent Information, Advice and Advocacy Service to Support Independent Living  
[3854319]

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

The service to be procured includes - providing independent Information, Advice, and Advocacy to Service Users and Carers in Northern Ireland regarding managing finance and organising support services in relation to Self Directed Support (SDS) and the Independent Living Fund (ILF). Provide independent Information and Advice to Service Users and Carers to help them understand their role as an employer. Provide independent Information, training and awareness sessions to Health and Social Care Trust (HSCT) staff and students and other relevant networks and organisations engaging with individuals with an interest in Self Directed Support (SDS) and the Independent Living Fund (ILF). Take an active role in the promotion of SDS and policy development related to independent living. Liaise with HSCTs to explore the range of options available to Service Users and Carers in relation to SDS. Facilitate access to a range of accredited insurance and Payroll Services that can be engaged by Service Users and Carers. 'Facilitate access' in this case means to signpost or refer Service Users and Carers to such a Payroll Service on a neutral and non-biased basis.

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

Value excluding VAT: £3,080,817

### **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

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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

Value excluding VAT: £3,080,817

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

Duration in months

36

#### **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 estimated value in II.2.6) above includes; an initial contract period of 3 years, plus an option to extend for 2 x 12 month periods (2 years). The value also includes a potential increase in services of 40% and the potential additional extension clause provided for in clause 18 of the Specification

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

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

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-022354](#)

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

Date

6 December 2021

Local time

3:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

Note - the original tender number was 1763485 as per previous Prior Information Notices but this tender number has been changed to 3854319. Note - In Section 1.2 it states the contract involves joint procurement but this is not the case. This is a HSCB contract.

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

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

Business Services Organisation - Procurement and Logistics Service

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom