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Tender

Provision of Accommodation Based - Housing Support for Care Experienced Young People in the Falkirk Council area.

Falkirk Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UKM76 - Falkirk

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00184

I.3) Communication

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

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<https://www.publiccontractsscotland.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 Accommodation Based - Housing Support for Care Experienced Young People in the Falkirk Council area.

Reference number

CS/043/24

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Falkirk Council is seeking to work in partnership with a single provider to develop a support service for our care experienced young people, including young people on the National Transfer Scheme, aged 16-26 who meet the eligibility criteria for Accommodation based - Housing Support, to progress their independent living skills and ensure they feel supported in their local community.

The service to be provided is an Accommodation Based - Housing Support service to support up to nine young people with eligible after care needs.

Falkirk Council will provide the accommodation which comprises a property with nine individual en-suite bedrooms and communal living and dining space in Grangemouth.

The duration of the Contract is anticipated to be 12 months with the option of two 12 month extensions.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 75123000 - Administrative housing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM76 - Falkirk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Accommodation Based - Housing Support service for Care Experienced Young People in the Falkirk Council area.

As the service is a new service it has been agreed that a collaborative approach will be used to develop the contract and specification. This approach demonstrates our commitment to the best interests of the young people placed, and a desire to make systems and monitoring useful and manageable.

The collaborative approach will have three stages:

1. A single provider working with the council to design the service.
2. A short-term pilot, with the opportunity to refine the service specification and associated processes.
3. A competitive tender exercise undertaken, where this is determined as the appropriate way forward.

The pilot will run for one year with the option to extend. This period provides an opportunity to look at possible innovative ways of meeting need. The council and the provider will share ideas, and as a result of feedback and discussion the service will be developed. The specification may be refined, producing specified outcomes most appropriate to the needs of this cohort of young people, and the delivery of those outcomes will be assessed.

The provider will be selected via a predetermined scoring system which focusses on both price and quality.

Providers will be required to evidence cost effectiveness and capability to meet the needs of the young people from the date of commencement.

The young people will be residing in accommodation, already identified by Falkirk Council, offering nine individual en-suite bedrooms and communal living and dining space in

Grangemouth. The support will be available daily within the accommodation, and the ability to offer 24 hour outreach support is desirable but not essential.

The support required will be both practical and emotional and will seek to enhance Social Work support and assist young people to transition into their own home. This may involve role modelling of practical tasks such as cooking, cleaning and laundry or assisting with independent travel.

It is important that the provider can employ staff who are trauma informed and able to work in a strengths-based approach with young people.

The hours of support to each young person will vary depending on the support needs.

It is anticipated that the total level of support will be 25 hours per week.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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

Must have experience in providing Housing Support for Care Experienced Young People as outlined in the Specification.

Registration with the Care Inspectorate (CI) for the Services required.

CI Grading of 3 or above under the required registration as detailed in Schedule 1 - Instructions for Tenderers.

Where a Provider is awaiting its first inspection, the Council reserves the right to agree suitable alternative indicator(s) of quality to assess whether the minimum requirement is met.

SSSC Registration as appropriate (see section III.2.1)

Ability to work as part of team around the child.

Hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below as a minimum:

Employer's Liability Insurance = 10M GBP

Public Liability Insurance = 10M GBP

Professional Indemnity Insurance = 2M GBP.

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

The Provider must hold the appropriate registration with the Care Inspectorate for the Provision of the Service.

The Provider shall comply with any requirements under the Regulation of Care (Scotland)

Act 2001 for staff to register with the Scottish Social Services Council and comply with its Employers' Code of Practice.

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Registration with the Care Inspectorate for the Services required.

Care Inspectorate Grading of 3 or above in all of the following service areas:

How well do we support children & young people's wellbeing?

How good is our leadership?

How good is our staff team?

How well is our care planned?

The Provider shall comply with any requirements under the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 for staff to register with the Scottish Social Services Council and comply with its Employers' Code of Practice.

Ability to work as part of team around the child.

It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below as a minimum:

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = 10 000 000 GBP

Public Liability Insurance = 10 000 000 GBP

Professional Indemnity Insurance = 2 000 000 GBP.

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.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2015/446/part/2/chapter/3/crossheading/social-and-other-specific-services/made>

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

Please refer to Schedule 1 - Instructions to Tenderers

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

30 September 2024

Local time

11:00am

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

The scope of services to be provided under this Framework falls within the definition of social and other specific services in Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") and therefore the procurement process shall be subject to the requirements of section 7 of the Regulations.

SPPN 7/2021 may apply.

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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:

As detailed in the tender documents.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Court of Session

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom