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Planning

Staffordshire Children & Young People's Flexible Framework Re-opening 2024

Staffordshire County Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Staffordshire County Council

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Homepage.aspx>

Buyer's address

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

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

Staffordshire Children & Young People's Flexible Framework Re-opening 2024

Reference number

IA3213

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training 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 is to initiate a soft market testing process.

Staffordshire County is seeking to engage Suppliers who deliver support to Children and Young People in their Education Settings and in their communities, throughout the eight districts of Staffordshire.

The Council has recently procured a Staffordshire Children and Young People's Flexible Framework (ref IA3213) which includes three Lots;

Lot 1. Targeted Intervention Programmes

Lot 2. Skill Development

Lot 3. Specialist Support

The Framework provision will predominantly support Children and Young People who are unable to engage positively with education, either individually or in groups. However, some provision will be targeted to support the Education Settings, Parents/ Carers and Families in their support of Children and Young People.

The Framework will host a range of quality assured Services which will be available for the Council to Call-off as and when required (there is no guarantee as to the business on offer). A high volume of the support required will be for Children and Young People who are known to their SEND & Inclusion Hubs. This support will be pre-determined by the Referrer/ Funder of the Service at the Call-off stage.

The Framework term is 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2028. If there is insufficient capacity within the initial Framework Providers, the Council may reopen the Framework. After review of the initial Framework coverage the Council intends to re-open the Framework in late September/ early October 2024 to increase the capacity of the Framework. The whole Framework will be opened, the Council is particularly looking to increase capacity in South Staffordshire and East Staffordshire (specifically Uttoxeter) for all Lots, and in Lot 1 for Providers of Creative Therapies.

Current Framework Providers do not need to re-apply to join the Framework at the re-opening. Providers who have previously been unsuccessful will be able to reapply along with new providers at the re-opening.

A Market Engagement Event will be delivered via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 18 September 2024, 09:30 - 11:30. If you would like to attend the event, please email cate.blackmoor@staffordshire.gov.uk to receive an invite please email no later than 16 September 2024.

By attending Suppliers will have the opportunity to be part of:

- a) Understanding the current position and Framework contracting mechanism within the Council's SEND & Inclusion Model and wider Council services.
- b) Understanding the procurement timeline and tender process (including 3rd Party Security Questionnaire).
- c) An opportunity to ask questions about any aspect of the process to ensure you have all available information to tender should your organisation wish to do so.

We recommend interested Suppliers also register on the Council's e-tendering system <https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login> in preparation for the tender process.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £6,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Targeted Intervention Programmes

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Targeted Intervention Programmes will be bespoke Support Packages for Children, Young People and their Families.

Programmes could be delivered through workshops, 1:1 sessions/ programmes, training, therapeutic support, mentoring/ coaching or group work.

Support Packages will offer the Child, Young Person or Service Users strategies to support them to understand and adapt in their environment. A non-judgemental environment in

which the individual is given the opportunity to reflect on their current situation, which opens the door to early intervention, will be adopted.

These programmes will be tailored based on the needs and aspirations of the Service User; this could include (but is not limited to):

- Building relationships, with friends, Family and peers.

- Emotional regulation/ resilience.
- Supporting transition.
- Improving self-esteem.
- Support around the Family, e.g coping with parental separation.
- Behaviour support, e.g anti-knife crime and gang affiliation.
- Trauma based programmes.
- Parenting support.
- Bereavement and loss support.
- Alternative support/ therapy, e.g art, play, music.
- Self-development and independence.
- Inclusion programmes.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Skill Development

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

When Children and Young People have access to Skill Development opportunities it can:

- Avoid further suspensions and exclusions at School.
- Support to maintain a full timetable at School.
- Support to transition to a full timetable at School.
- Support to move to an appropriate alternative setting.
- Support with the skills required for post-16 education.

Skill Development will be bespoke Support Packages for Children, Young People and their Families. Skill Development can be both educational or vocational and can include (but is not limited

to):

- College provision.
- Physical activity e.g - boxing, football, indoor climbing.
- Skill Development activities e.g. - cooking, baking, social skills, music, art.
- Employment skills e.g - volunteering and work-based opportunities.
- Training and education e.g nationally recognised qualifications.
- Primary and secondary education
- Tuition - face to face, or online.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Support

Lot No

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Specialist Support can vary depending on the expertise required, but will provide Children, Young People, Education Settings and Service Users with assessment, knowledge and new skills.

Tailored Support Packages will be required for individual Children and Young People, groups of Children and Young People and Families, and Education Settings. Specialist Support can include (but is not limited to):

- Speech and language therapy/ training
- Occupational health therapy
- Mental health services/ training
- Mental health first aid
- Training for Special Educational Needs Coordinators (SENCO's), teachers or whole school in SEND e.g in SEMH or ASD/C.
- Outreach/ classroom support - advising and supporting teachers e.g adapting the curriculum content and delivery, class based learning interventions and meeting diverse learning needs.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 September 2024