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Contract

## **Recruitment and Management of Childrens Agency Social Workers**

Sandwell Childrens Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02cad3

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

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

Sandwell Childrens Trust

The Wellman Building, Dudley Road

Oldbury

B69 3DL

#### **Contact**

Neil Whitehouse

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKG37 - Sandwell

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.sandwell.gov.uk](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[www.sandwell.gov.uk](http://www.sandwell.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**

Recruitment and Management of Childrens Agency Social Workers

Reference number

SMBC 21077

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

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

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

Services

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

A key priority of the Trust's workforce strategy is to stabilise the workforce and build sustainable capacity for the future. A critical part of this is the Trust's ability to utilise Children's Agency Social Workers in an efficient and effective manner to meet any shortfalls in permanent staffing, and to deal with specific peaks in caseloads. The recruitment of children social workers is constantly challenging, with a shortage of sufficiently experienced candidates, a limited pipeline into the sector and it operates in a crowded geographical area. It is acknowledged that agency workers play a critical part of the social care workforce to enable it to flex to meet changing priorities and to fill resourcing gaps. Following authorisation of the Trust Board it was agreed to commence a procurement process for a new MVMSP to recruit Children's Agency Social Workers, to begin at the expiry of existing MVMSP

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79600000 - Recruitment services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 85320000 - Social services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKG37 - Sandwell

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

Please refer to the ITT Document

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

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

Notice number: [2021/S 000-017253](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Title**

Recruitment and Management of Childrens Agency Social Workers

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

9 November 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

HCL Workforce Solutions Ltd

8 Triger Court kings Drive Kings Business Park

Prescot

L34 1BH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD71 - East Merseyside

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £20,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £12,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The High Court of England

Royal Courts of Justice the Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom