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Contract

For the Provision of an Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service for Children in Care

Derby City Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e31f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKF11 - Derby

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.derby.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

For the Provision of an Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service for Children in Care

Reference number

TD2159

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Derby City Council (the Council) is undertaking this procurement on behalf of itself and the Derby and Derbyshire NHS Integrated Commissioning Board to establish a contract for the provision of an Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service for Children in Care. We seek a single provider, lead provider, or consortium to deliver a trauma informed service which embeds and delivers interventions to children in care (CIC) and their therapeutic parenting team which meets their individual emotional and mental health needs and creates stability in placements.

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: £6,746,050

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF11 - Derby

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The service will ensure the needs of the child are paramount, using a range of interventions via direct or indirect work. This will deliver to all children in care who meet the inclusion criteria, including those children who are placed within the Local Authority boundaries from other areas. It will also include those who are cared for by the Local Authorities approved foster carers, that live never more than 5 miles outside of the Derbyshire Footprint.

The overall aim of the service is to improve the emotional health and wellbeing of CIC via direct support to the child and / or indirect support to the therapeutic parenting team.

The service will offer a range of appropriate evidence based, trauma informed interventions, both group and one to one. The service is not expected to prescribe medications, nor does it need to be CQC registered.

In addition to the core specification, we are including a two year "proof of concept" service for Children in Care with complex needs through a Coordination and Advisory Team (the incumbent provider is expecting to commence the service within its existing service delivery from April 2025).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial term of 3 years with options to extend in annual increments of up to 24 months

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

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Action for Children Services Limited

Watford

WD18 8AG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF11 - Derby

Companies House

2332388

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £6,746,050

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Derby City Council

Derby

Country

United Kingdom