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Tender

The Provision of Direct Payment Support Services

Cumbria County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/

Buyer's address

http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/

I.3) Communication

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

www.the-chest.org.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.the-chest.org.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

The Provision of Direct Payment Support Services

Reference number

DN584230

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 Council has a statutory duty under the Children's Act 1989, Section 17, to offer the option of direct payments to parents or carers with parental responsibility for Children with Disabilities. The Carers and Disabled Children's Act 2000 extended eligibility to include 16 and 17 year olds and those with parental responsibility for disabled children. This is detailed in Section 17 of the Children's Act 1989.

Instead of directly providing services, the Council can now give payment (direct payments also known as personal budget) directly to parents/carers of children with disabilities to make their own care arrangements.

Direct payments are made to parents/carers whose children with disabilities have been assessed by the Council as needing care and support services.

This payment allows parents/carers to choose and organise care services that are appropriate and meet their needs. Some families will use the money to buy care from an agency or directly employ their own staff or members of their extended family to provide the care.

The Council promotes improved health, independence and inclusion through the provision of care and support services which enable children with disabilities and their families to achieve as full and independent a life as possible.

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

• UKD1 - Cumbria

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: <u>2020/S 255-643481</u>

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

Date

6 January 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

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Local time

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Her Majesty's Court Service

The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom