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## **The Provision of Direct Payment Support Services**

Cumbria County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02fa1d

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

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKD1 - Cumbria

**Internet address(es)**

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](http://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](http://www.the-chest.org.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**

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

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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: No

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

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

Notice number: [2020/S 255-643481](#)

#### **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