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Contract

## **Autism Support Services**

Durham County Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04dd22

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Durham County Council

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Durham

DH15WB

#### **Contact**

Donna Iley

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKC14 - Durham CC

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[www.open-uk.org](http://www.open-uk.org)

**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**

Autism Support Services

Reference number

001186

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

This contract is for the provision of an Autism Support Service to people aged 16+ across County Durham.

The service will target people with a diagnosis of autism, or are on the waiting list for a diagnosis, but who do not meet the eligibility criteria to access social care services.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Lowest offer: £270,559 / Highest offer: £858,252 taken into consideration

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKC14 - Durham CC

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

This contract is for the provision of an Autism Support Service to people aged 16+.

The service will target people with a diagnosis of autism, or are on the waiting list for a diagnosis, but who do not meet the eligibility criteria to access social care services.

This procurement is issued under an Open Tender process in line with Public Contracts Regulation 2015, under Regulation 74 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 for contracts for social and other specific services (Light Touch Regime).

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The proposed 36month contract is to be let with an option to extend for a further 2 periods of 24 months each from the actual end date subject to Commissioner and Budget approval.

The service will be commissioned by Durham County Council and is joint funded by Durham County Council and the Integrated Care Board. The Council's intention is that the full service, as detailed in the service specification, will continue for the initial contract period i.e. end date of 31/5/2028 however the Council is unable to confirm at the point of tender the full budget as the budget from the Integrated Care Board has only been made available until the 31/3/2026. The Council will liaise with the successful provider with regards to this should budget be reduced.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

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

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

Notice number: [2025/S 000-004303](#)

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

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

Daisy Chain Project Teeside

Stockton on Tees

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

Charity Commission (England and Wales)

1109792

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £858,252

Lowest offer: £286,084 / Highest offer: £858,252 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The High Court of England & Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom