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## **Childrens Independent Visitor Services**

Nottinghamshire County Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKF1 - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=9780d430-8453-ec11-810e-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=9780d430-8453-ec11-810e-005056b64545>

**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**

Childrens Independent Visitor Services

Reference number

DN585462

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Nottinghamshire County Council is seeking tenders for Childrens Independent Visitor Service.

The Council is seeking bids that offer value for money through efficiency and innovative thinking and Bidders will be required to identify the level of service (hours) that will be provided for the funds available.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKF1 - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

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

Nottinghamshire County Council's vision for all commissioned services is that they should be of high quality, effective and led by demand, need and the desired outcomes for people in Nottinghamshire.

This specification describes the key features of the Independent Visitors Service and the outcomes required.

All Local Authorities have a duty to provide an Independent Visitor Service for the children and young people in their care (Children Act 1989; Children and Young Persons Act 2008).

The Independent Visitor Service matches volunteers with specific young people on referral by social care workers. Independent visitors (IVs) are volunteers who befriend a child or young person within local authority care, who is isolated and has limited or no family contact. They provide a good, stable, adult role model for the young person, befriending and listening to them.

The independent visitor's functions are to visit, advise and befriend the child. The way these functions are carried out will vary according to the needs and wishes of the individual child. Together they will share a variety of activities which might range from time to talk to active. The Provider is responsible for recruiting, assessing, training, and supporting IVs, and co-ordinates, manages and is accountable for the IV service commissioned by the Council.

Nottinghamshire County Council has recently commissioned an Advocacy contract which commenced in October 2021. The Independent Visitor service which had previously been procured alongside the advocacy service was not simultaneously tendered, and an interim contract will be in place from October 2021 until March 2022

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

78

#### **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) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

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

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

Date

7 January 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English