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Tender

Best Interests Assessments (Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards DoLS) Services

Staffordshire County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b686

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.staffordshire.gov.uk

I.3) Communication

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

<https://Supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login#>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://Supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login#>

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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

Best Interests Assessments (Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards DoLS) Services

Reference number

IA2942

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 Service is for the supply of Best Interests Assessors to carry out Best Interests Assessments (BIA) as a part of the assessment process for the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) which is a statutory function of the Local Authority.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,736,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for one lot only

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 1

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

End-to-end Best Interests Assessor Service

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Staffordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) are designed to protect the interests of extremely vulnerable individuals accommodated in care homes and hospitals. Individuals who have a mental disorder such as dementia or a profound learning disability who lack capacity to give informed consent to the accommodation arrangements made for their care and/or treatment. Deprivation of their liberty is considered after an independent assessment deems it in their best interests to protect them from harm. Under the current legislation the Local Authority is the supervisory body and as such has the statutory duty to ensure that assessments are undertaken and DoLS authorisations are in place.

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The Council is looking to award via a Framework Agreement to two Lots:-

Lot 1 End-to-end Best Interests Assessor Service

Lot 2 Independent Best Interests Assessments Service

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,040,000

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

Duration in months

30

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework Agreement term is from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2026 with an additional option to extend by six (6) months to 30 September 2026. In the event the Framework Agreement is extended the extension shall be on the same Terms and Conditions as the original Framework Agreement period and will ultimately be at the Authority's sole discretion.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework Agreement term is from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2026 with an additional option to extend by six (6) months to 30 September 2026. In the event the Framework Agreement is extended the extension shall be on the same Terms and Conditions as the

original Framework Agreement period and will ultimately be at the Authority's sole discretion.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Independent Best Interests Assessments Service

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Staffordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Lot 2 Independent Best Interests Assessments Service

II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £696,000

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

Duration in months

30

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

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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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-008917](#)

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

Date

1 December 2023

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

1 December 2023

Local time

12:30pm

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

Staffordshire County Council

Stafford

Country

United Kingdom