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## **Best Interests Assessments (Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards DoLS) Services**

Staffordshire County Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk](http://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#>

**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**

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: £2,964,000

#### **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: £2,210,000

## **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

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## **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

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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: £754,000

### **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

8 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

8 December 2023

Local time

12:30pm



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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**

Staffordshire County Council

Stafford

Country

United Kingdom