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Contract

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

Staffordshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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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](http://www.staffordshire.gov.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**

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.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

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

### **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**

Cost criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 40

## **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**

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

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- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

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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 000-031758](#)

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

A contract/lot is awarded: No

### **V.1) Information on non-award**

The contract/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Staffordshire County Council

Stafford

Country

United Kingdom