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Planning

SPS-02053 Learning & Employability

Scottish Prison Service

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SPS-02053 Learning & Employability

Reference number

SPS-02053

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of prison based Learning & Employability Service throughout Scotland in the public prisons operated by the SPS. The services will be provided to adults with varying degrees of pre-existing educational engagement; disadvantaged learners; 'young offenders' in custody (18-24); & occasionally 'young persons' in custody (16-17).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

All SPS establishments including the 13 Scottish Prisons, the 2 Community Custody Units - Bella and Lillas and HMP Kilmarnock (due to return to public ownership from March 2024).

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The services will include delivery of a varied curriculum of learning & skills in prisons; learning needs screening of persons following admission to custody; specialist screening (e.g. dyslexia) where required; & working with SPS to ensure progress against the SPS Learning & Skills Strategy.

The SPS is currently developing the next generation of learning & employability strategy, replacing both existing Learning & Skills Strategy (2016-2021) and Employability Strategy (2017-2022). The project team aims to create a single strategy which aligns with the Objectives and Principles set out in the current SPS Corporate Plan (2023-28).

While reflective of the life long, life wide and learner centred ethos of the Adult Learning Strategy Scotland (2022 – 2027) and being cognisant of methodologies, capacities, and benchmarks from Curriculum for Excellence; the broad aims of the new Strategy are:

1. Relational: Creating a trauma informed, person centred and individualised learning offer which supports lifelong learning networks, and improved health and wellbeing
2. Inclusive: Ensuring our learning offer is age, stage, and gender appropriate, rights based and accessible for all, with an emphasis on readiness to learn and active engagement
3. Preventive: Our learning offer is asset based and empowering, providing those in our care with opportunities for planned and evidenced personal development towards intergenerational learning and a sustained return to their community.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 July 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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