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## **Advocacy and Independent Visitors Services**

London Borough of Merton

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-041b26

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

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

London Borough of Merton

Civic Centre, London Rd

Morden

SM4 5DX

#### **Email**

[Commercial.Services@merton.gov.uk](mailto:Commercial.Services@merton.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKI63 - Merton, Kingston upon Thames and Sutton

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

## **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.londontenders.org/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.londontenders.org/>

## **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**

Advocacy and Independent Visitors Services

Reference number

DN699877

### **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 London Borough of Merton (“the Council”) is inviting tenders under the Light Touch Regime to provide Advocacy and Independent Visitors Services for Merton’s Looked After Children and Care Leavers.

The Council seeks a provider that will support fulfilment on Merton's statutory obligations to our care experienced children and young people and delivery of our commitment that all our younger residents will live well and thrive in Merton. The provider will need to ensure that our looked after children and care leavers, including those with additional needs and Education Health and Care plans are aware of and have access to advocacy services that ensure their interests are promoted effectively, ensure their rights are respected and their views fully considered and reflected in decision making about their lives. The provider must also ensure that they are given assistance when making or intending to make a complaint.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKI63 - Merton, Kingston upon Thames and Sutton

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

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract will be let on an initial period of 4 years with an option to extend for a period or periods of up to a further 2 years. The maximum contract duration will be a period of 6 years.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **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) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

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

Date

21 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

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12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom