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## **Safer Accommodation for Victims of Domestic Abuse**

Leicestershire County Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**Region code**

UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/index.html>

Buyer's address

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/index.html>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=857bd81d-3082-ee11-8125-005056b64545&p=527b4bbd-5c58-e511-80ef-000c29c9ba21>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=857bd81d-3082-ee11-8125-005056b64545&p=527b4bbd-5c58-e511-80ef-000c29c9ba21>

**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**

Safer Accommodation for Victims of Domestic Abuse

Reference number

DN680029

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Domestic Abuse 2021 Act places a statutory duty on tier one local authorities such as Leicestershire County Council to provide accommodation-based support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in refuges and other safe accommodation and provides clarity over governance and accountability, requiring tier two councils (district/borough councils), to co-operate with the lead local authority. To support this work, the Council has been allocated funding to discharge its duty of providing safe accommodation to victims of Domestic Abuse and their families.

The Council has carried out a Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) to assess the need for accommodation-based domestic abuse support across Leicestershire for all victims. The SNA has highlighted there are currently 21 safe accommodation spaces in Leicestershire. The Council of Europe recommendation is 1 family place per 10,000 population. The population of Leicestershire is 706,155 therefore the recommended number is 70 spaces.

The current provision available in Leicestershire is below the recommended level. This Service seeks to expand the safe accommodation support options in Leicestershire and respond to the identified gaps in provision.

The service provision is to provide victim-survivors of DA with Safe Accommodation support services as defined in Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act. This Service will provide domestic abuse specialist support, housing management functions and support to victims in shared/dispersed safe accommodation across the county.

This type of accommodation provision is intended as a short-term option. It is expected for service users to remain in the accommodation for no more than 12 months, to which it is expected that the awarding body supports those service users until they have access to more stable accommodation.

The accommodation will be for victims who want to leave an abusive relationship but need emotional and practical support through the process; and/ or victims who need to leave their accommodation immediately for their own and/or their dependent children's safety whilst a permanent safe place to live is found.

The service will be split into three types of accommodation:

- Lot 1: Specialist Accommodation for BAME Victims
- Lot 2: Generic, Accessible Accommodation for Victims of Domestic Abuse (Larger families, Families with Pets, Families with older male children and Accessible accommodation for those with disabilities)
- Lot 3: Specialist Accommodation for Male Victims

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

### **II.2) Description**

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

Specialist Accommodation for BAME Victims

Lot No

1

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

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

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

NUTS codes

- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

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

This opportunity will be an open procedure under the Light Touch Regime, and the Council welcome tenders from consortium or sub-contracting arrangements for this procurement opportunity.

The service will be required to provide Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) background victims of domestic abuse.

The overarching aims and objectives of the service are:

- To provide BAME victim-survivors of DA with Safe Accommodation support services as defined in Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act.
- This Service will provide domestic abuse specialist support, housing management functions and support to victims in dispersed safe accommodation across the county.
- To work with District/Borough Councils across the county to ensure the provision of suitable accommodation for victims fleeing domestic abuse meets a diverse range of needs.
- To provide a trauma informed positive physical and emotional environment that promotes healing and recovery.
- To respond in a timely fashion to all safe accommodation that includes assessment and induction to accommodation.
- To work in an integrated and co-ordinated manner with local and national specialist and universal service providers to meet the needs of those being accommodated.
- To assist parents to meet the physical and emotional needs of their children whilst living in safe accommodation.
- To provide an advocacy service and encourage service users to engage with other beneficial services/support groups. Including, signposting and providing information and

contact details for suitable services.

- To improve the knowledge, skills and confidence of local practitioners and the local community through presentations, so that they can respond appropriately to domestic abuse.
- The worker to deliver relevant domestic abuse awareness programmes to service users
- To empower service users to integrate in the community and engage in other services in help build confidence and understanding of domestic abuse.

This lot will be awarded as a contract to a single provider. Subcontract arrangements are permitted.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Method Statement Questions / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £340,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **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

## **II.2) Description**

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

Generic, Accessible Accommodation for Victims of Domestic Abuse

Lot No

2

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

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

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

NUTS codes

- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

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

This opportunity will be an open procedure under the Light Touch Regime, and the Council welcome tenders from consortium or sub-contracting arrangements for this procurement opportunity.

The service will be required to provide victim-survivors of DA with Safe Accommodation support services as defined in Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act.

The overarching aims and objectives of the service are:

- To provide victim-survivors of DA with Safe Accommodation support services as defined in Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act.
- This Service will provide domestic abuse specialist support, housing management functions and support to victims in dispersed safe accommodation across the county.
- To work with District/Borough Councils across the county to ensure the provision of suitable accommodation for victims fleeing domestic abuse meets a diverse range of needs.

- To provide a trauma informed positive physical and emotional environment that promotes healing and recovery.
- To respond in a timely fashion to all safe accommodation that includes assessment and induction to accommodation.
- To work in an integrated and co-ordinated manner with local and national specialist and universal service providers to meet the needs of those being accommodated.
- To assist parents to meet the physical and emotional needs of their children whilst living in safe accommodation.
- To provide an advocacy service and encourage service users to engage with other beneficial services/support groups. Including, signposting and providing information and contact details for suitable services.
- To improve the knowledge, skills and confidence of local practitioners and the local community through presentations, so that they can respond appropriately to domestic abuse.
- The worker to deliver relevant domestic abuse awareness programmes to service users

This lot will be awarded as a contract to a single provider. Subcontract arrangements are permitted.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Method Statement Questions / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £520,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No



### **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

## **II.2) Description**

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

Specialist Accommodation for Male Victims

Lot No

3

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

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

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

NUTS codes

- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

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

This opportunity will be an open procedure under the Light Touch Regime, and the Council welcome tenders from consortium or sub-contracting arrangements for this procurement opportunity.

The service will be required to provide victim-survivors of DA with Safe Accommodation support services as defined in Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act.

The overarching aims and objectives of the service are:

- To provide male victim-survivors of DA with Safe Accommodation support services as defined in Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act.
- This Service will provide domestic abuse specialist support, housing management functions and support to victims in dispersed safe accommodation across the county.
- To work with District/Borough Councils across the county to ensure the provision of suitable accommodation for victims fleeing domestic abuse meets a diverse range of needs.
- To provide a trauma informed positive physical and emotional environment that promotes healing and recovery.
- To respond in a timely fashion to all safe accommodation that includes assessment and induction to accommodation.
- To work in an integrated and co-ordinated manner with local and national specialist and universal service providers to meet the needs of those being accommodated.
- To assist parents to meet the physical and emotional needs of their children whilst living in safe accommodation.
- To provide an advocacy service and encourage service users to engage with other beneficial services/support groups. Including, signposting and providing information and contact details for suitable services.
- To improve the knowledge, skills and confidence of local practitioners and the local community through presentations, so that they can respond appropriately to domestic abuse.
- The worker to deliver relevant domestic abuse awareness programmes to service users
- To empower service users to integrate in the community and engage in other services in help build confidence and understanding of domestic abuse.

This lot will be awarded as a contract to a single provider. Subcontract arrangements are permitted.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Method Statement Questions / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £140,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-021094](#)

#### **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

21 December 2023

Local time

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**

Construction and Technology Court (Queens Bench Division) (Branch of High Court of Justice)

Priory Courts, 33 Bull Street

Birmingham

B4 6DS Country

Country

United Kingdom