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Tender

Advocacy and Independent Visitor Service 2025

Bristol City Council

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Scope

Reference

DN775586

Description

The council wishes to appoint a provider(s) for the provision of

Lot 1: Advocacy Service for Children in Care, Care Leavers and Children Subject to Child Protection Conferences

and

Lot 2: Independent Visitor Service for Children in Care

Total value (estimated)

- £744,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2028
- Possible extension to 31 August 2030
- 4 years, 9 months

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend twice once for 12 months the second for 9 months.

Total contract length if extensions are taken up is 4 years and 9 months.

Main procurement category

Services

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Suppliers may bid for 1 or both Lots

The same supplier may be awarded both Lots if ranked first.

Not the same for all lots

CPV classifications are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. Lot 1. Advocacy Service for Children in Care, Care Leavers and Children Subject to Child Protection Conferences

Description

Advocacy is about empowering children and young people to make sure that their views and wishes are heard at all times and represented in decision making processes. The Council's vision is that all children and young people in Bristol feel listened to and empowered, have choice and control over their support, and have their rights upheld. Furthermore, the views put forward by children and young people should inform the development of the Council's services.

The service will provide advocacy services for Bristol's Children and Young People in Care, Care Leavers and Children and Young People subject to Child Protection conferences.

Lot value (estimated)

- £421,395 including VAT

Same for all lots

Contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Lot 2. Independent Visitor Service for Children in Care

Description

The service will recruit, train and support appropriate adult volunteers to act as

Independent Visitors for children and young people looked after by the Authority. The Visitors role is to befriend and advise these children and contribute towards their social, emotional and educational development

Lot value (estimated)

- £322,605 including VAT

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Same for all lots

Contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Submission

Deadline for requests to participate

28 July 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders to be submitted via <https://procontract.due-north.com>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

18 September 2025

Award criteria

Lot 1. Lot 1. Advocacy Service for Children in Care, Care Leavers and Children Subject to Child Protection Conferences

Name	Type	Weighting
Lot 1 Quality	Quality	67%
Lot 1 Price	Price	20%
Lot 1 Social Value	Quality	13%

Lot 2. Lot 2. Independent Visitor Service for Children in Care

Name	Type	Weighting
Lot 2 Quality	Quality	74%
Lot 2 Price	Price	20%
Lot 2 Social Value	Quality	6%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Bristol City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWXH-3837-PDTD

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Region: UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government