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## **SANDWELL PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE REABLEMENT SERVICE**

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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

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

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Sandwell Council House

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Email**

[Contracts\\_Team@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:Contracts_Team@sandwell.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKG37 - Sandwell

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.sandwell.gov.uk](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sandwellmbc>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sandwellmbc>

**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**

SANDWELL PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE REABLEMENT SERVICE

Reference number

ASC128

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council wishes to appoint up to 10 Providers for the provision of a Reablement Service to eligible individuals living in Sandwell. All Providers will be appointed to deliver the Service across the whole of the Borough of Sandwell.

It is anticipated that the Service will support approximately 2000 hours of care per week, however the amount of hours of care per week may vary during the duration of the Agreement.

The Service will provide Reablement services to eligible adults (18 years old and over) aimed at enabling individuals:

- To safely leave hospital where they would otherwise remain in hospital or avoid a hospital admission and remain in their own home or place of residence;
- Provide a short term, time limited (up to 6 weeks) Reablement Service for Adults who have been assessed and have demonstrated the potential to benefit from home care reablement to regain their independence and live well at home after an illness, injury or period of reduced mobility

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

Value excluding VAT: £9,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKG37 - Sandwell

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The hourly fee rate will be set by the Council and based on the prevailing ASC084 Domiciliary Care Service hourly rate as increased from time to time by the Council. The current Domiciliary Care hourly rate is £18.40 from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Any increases to this rate normally take place on 1 April each year. Any changes to this rate will be notified in the Award Letter to successful Bidders.

Providers will be required to provide a high-quality service that aligns with the Council's vision for Adult Social Care and whilst participating in the further implementation of the

personalisation agenda, giving citizens greater choice and control in this process.

The Sandwell Reablement Service Agreement will commence on 3 June 2024 and will initially run for a 2 year period to 2 June 2026, with the option to extend, subject to review, for up to a maximum of 2 x 12-month periods from 3 June 2026 to 2 June 2027 and 3 June 2027 to 2 June 2028.

Bidders attention is drawn to and they should note the following:

- a) There is no guarantee of volumes of work as referrals can decrease and / or increase;
- b) There is no guarantee that all Providers will receive an equal share of the work;
- c) Providers should be aware that the Council may wish to utilise the eBrokerage system for Referrals in the future, if so then Providers will be notified accordingly and provided with suitable training.
- d) Prospective Bidders should seek their own legal advice with regards to TUPE;
- e) The Council does not hold any TUPE Information. Details of unsuccessful Incumbent Providers TUPE Contact Points will be sent to successful Bidders in the Award letters;

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

Value excluding VAT: £9,000,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Start date

3 June 2024

End date

2 June 2026

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

There is the option to extend the contract by 2 x 12 month periods from 03/06/2026 to 02/06/2028 subject to review of the services.

The Council will be using the In-Tend e-Tendering System for this Procurement exercise, please visit <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sandwellmbc> to access the Sandwell MBC In-Tend Supplier Portal.

From here you will be able to register your company, express an interest in the opportunity, and gain immediate access to the ITT and other related documents.

Once you have registered with the website and you are logged in, from the top menu bar click on "Tenders" to list all the current opportunities. Once you have found the relevant opportunity you should click on "View Details" in order to Express Interest. You need to click the "opt in" button to view, download the documents and submit a Tender Response

For a Step by Step user guide to the Sandwell MBC In-Tend Supplier Portal please click on the `Guidance for Suppliers` section of the website.

All clarification questions and procurement responses must be carried out via the Sandwell MBC In-Tend Supplier Portal.

If you have any problems registering or uploading tender documents via the website, then please contact the In-Tend Support team directly by phoning 0844 2728810 or emailing [support@in-tend.co.uk](mailto:support@in-tend.co.uk)

Tender Response Documents must be submitted no later than 13.00 hours on 10 January 2024.

Reasons for not dividing into Lots:

- 1) There will be a Borough wide Single Service Model incorporating ten (10) Providers, which will have been determined through the evaluation process;
- 2) It is expected that providers will accept referrals and deliver Reablement services borough-wide, and therefore by dividing into lots this could restrict services being provided across the Borough and may lead to a restriction of competition;
- 3) Dividing into lots could risk making the contract excessively technically difficult and/ or expensive to manage;
- 4) The nature of the Service Model spreads the risk across ten (10) Providers, promotes social value by having a diverse supply base where there will be a range of predominantly local suppliers, and supports the maintenance of a healthy market;

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

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

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

Date

10 January 2024

Local time

1:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Sandwell MBC will incorporate a Standstill Period at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days providing time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the

award decision before the contract is entered into.

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Address details for the High Court are:

The High Court of England

Royal Courts of Justice the Strand

London

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