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Tender

## **ASC25086 Advocacy Services for Adults**

Worcestershire County Council

NHS HEREFORDSHIRE AND WORCESTERSHIRE INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

ASC25086

### **Description**

Worcestershire County Council (the Council) and the NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board (the ICB) are jointly seeking a supplier to deliver a countywide advocacy service in Worcestershire.

This includes:

- Care Act Advocacy
- Complaints Advocacy for NHS and Adult Social Care
- Independent Mental Health Advocacy for all ages (IMHA)
- Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA) including Deprivation of Liberty

## Safeguards (DOLS) and Relevant Person Representative (RPR)

- Continuing Health Care Advocacy

In accordance with the Procurement Act 2023, the Council has chosen to use a Competitive Flexible procedure for this above-threshold contract to ensure fair competition while maintaining proportionality.

This procedure will be conducted in three (3) stages:

Stage 1 - Conditions of Participation

Stage 2 - Quality and Price

Stage 3 - Presentations

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £3,360,966 excluding VAT
- £4,033,159 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 February 2026 to 31 January 2031
- Possible extension to 31 January 2033
- 7 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend for up to a further two years (on a one year, plus one year basis) subject to performance and the availability of funding.

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

## **Contract locations**

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Submission**

### **Submission type**

Requests to participate

### **Deadline for requests to participate**

18 July 2025, 4:00pm

## Submission address and any special instructions

Please visit <https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/worcestershire.aspx/Home> to access this opportunity. You will need to register for In Tend in order to apply for this opportunity.

## Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

## Languages that may be used for submission

English

## Award decision date (estimated)

30 September 2025

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## Award criteria

Name	Type
Stage 1 - Conditions of Participation	Quality
Stage 2 - Quality	Quality
Stage 2 - Price	Price
Stage 3 - Presentations	Quality

## Weighting description

Stage 1 - Conditions of Participation Assessment:

The Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) will be assessed during Stage 1. Suitability to meet the following requirements will be assessed on a pass/fail basis:

Core Supplier Information

Exclusions Information

Legal, Economic and Financial Viability

Technical and Professional Ability

Stage 2 - Quality and Price:

Stage 2 will commence by inviting Suppliers that have been successfully shortlisted at Stage 1 to submit their response to quality questions and price.

Stage 2 will assess:

Quality (60%), Social value (10%) and Price (30%)

Stage 2 will conclude with Suppliers being notified in writing of whether or not they have been successfully shortlisted to participate in Stage 3.

Stage 3 - Presentations:

Stage 3 will commence by inviting Suppliers that have been successfully shortlisted at Stage 2 to prepare and attend a presentation stage. This will be scored out of 100% against set criteria.

See ASC25086 Tender Guidance for further detail.

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## **Other information**

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

### **Special regime**

Light touch

### **Competitive flexible procedure description**

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### **Reduced tendering period**

Yes

Light touch contract - no minimum

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## Documents

### Associated tender documents

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## Contracting authorities

### Worcestershire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRPQ-4584-WLPQ

County Hall, Spetchley Road

Worcester

WR5 2NP

United Kingdom

Email: [procurement@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@worcestershire.gov.uk)

Website: <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk>

Region: UKG12 - Worcestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

## **NHS HEREFORDSHIRE AND WORCESTERSHIRE INTEGRATED CARE BOARD**

- NHS Organisation Data Service: QGH
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNMN-7243-RQRR

Kirkham House, John Comyn Drive, Perdiswell

Worcester

WR3 7NS

United Kingdom

Email: [HWicb.contracts@nhs.net](mailto:HWicb.contracts@nhs.net)

Region: UKG12 - Worcestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

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## **Contact organisation**

Contact Worcestershire County Council for any enquiries.