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Tender

## **Local Healthwatch Service and Independent Complaints Advocacy (NHS Services)**

Dorset Council  
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (BCP)

F02: Contract notice

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

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

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**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk>

**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**

Local Healthwatch Service and Independent Complaints Advocacy (NHS Services)

Reference number

DN696659

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

- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation

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

Services

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

This tender is being published under the Light Touch Regime of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

The Social Care and Health Act 2012 makes provision for a consumer champion for health and social care called Healthwatch. The Local Healthwatch is funded through the Department of Health Community Voices grant which is channelled through each Local Authority.

The Act also makes provision for local authorities to make arrangements for the delivery of an Independent Complaints Advocacy Service (ICAS) in relation to their area for complaints relating to the provision of NHS health services. This service is also funded from the Department of Health's Community Voices grant.

ICAS may be provided by the same provider as Local Healthwatch or by a different provider. In either situation Local Healthwatch will have to support individuals in accessing information and independent advocacy if they need to complain about NHS services.

Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council and Dorset Council have pooled their funding, and are jointly tendering to commission the Local Healthwatch contract and the ICAS contract. It is expected that the contracts will commence on 01 April 2024 for an initial period of 3 years to 31 March 2027 and may be subsequently extended by a further 2 years to 31 March 2029 subject to satisfactory performance.

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,548,880

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

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

Local Healthwatch Service

Lot No

1

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

- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation

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

NUTS codes

- UKK24 - Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole
- UKK25 - Dorset

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

Local Healthwatch is an organisation giving a stronger voice to people in influencing the health and wellbeing agenda and local service provision; providing signposting, supporting individuals with information and advice about access to services and NHS complaints advocacy. Local Healthwatch has to be provided at all times by an organisation that is a social enterprise.

The Vision for the Dorset Local Healthwatch is to be the “voice of the people” coordinating and bringing people’s views and experiences to improve health and social care and to be:

- A well led, high quality organisation that is effectively managed and

organised with clear and transparent priorities.

- Well known, independent, trusted and accessible to everyone.
- Operating seamlessly across the two areas.
- Influential and respected by decision makers and service providers.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 95

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 0

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,009,640

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

At the end of the initial three years, there will be two options to extend of 12 months each, making a possible contract period of five 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

## **II.2) Description**

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

Independent Complaints Advocacy (NHS Services)

Lot No

2

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

- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation

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

NUTS codes

- UKK24 - Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole
- UKK25 - Dorset

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

The Independent Complaints Advocacy Service (NHS Services) will ensure that independent advocacy skills are used to provide practical support and direction to people to assist them finding a resolution to their complaint about NHS services in the local authority areas of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council and Dorset Council. The service must be fully compliant with all relevant regulations of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

The service provider for this contract needs to have at least two years' experience of the provision of advocacy including experience of working with children and young people, people with mental health problems, learning disabilities, challenging behaviours, sensory disabilities, little or no English, differing cultural backgrounds, bereavement issues and those in distress. It is recognised that many advocacy groups do not work with both adults and children and young people and therefore would welcome a consortium or other types of multi-agency bid, as well as bids from single organisations with the relevant experience.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 95

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 0

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

Value excluding VAT: £539,240

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

At the end of the initial three years, there will be two options to extend of 12 months each, making a possible contract period of five years.

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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: Yes

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

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

Date

26 January 2024

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

26 January 2024

Local time

12:15pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

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

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

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