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VEAT Notice for the provision of the Worcestershire Family Hubs

Worcestershire County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Worcestershire County Council

County Hall, Spetchley Road

WORCESTER

WR52NP

Contact

Kerstin Byfield

Email

kbyfield@worcestershire.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG12 - Worcestershire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

HEA24011

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This VEAT notice indicates that the Contracting Authority intends to directly award a Public Services contract under Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the PCR (2015) for the provision of the Worcestershire Family Hubs. This provision will be delivered on a 24-month contract with no option to extend.

The Negotiated Procedure without prior publication is being followed and is justified under Regulation 32 of the PCR(2015)

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £3,704,744

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Family Hubs: Wyre Forest

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Delivery of the Family Hubs provision across the Wyre Forest District.

The Family Hub providers will be responsible for managing and coordinating the local offer of family hubs in line with the national Family Hubs and Start for Life Framework. This offer includes the delivery of evidence-based programmes and support.

In addition to coordinating delivery within Family Hub buildings, the providers will lead on the oversight of local Family Hub networks and the wider outreach model of Family Hub support within community assets. Providers will build community capacity including developing and sustaining community activities, utilising volunteers and community assets, information and advice and peer support.

Under the current contracting arrangements Barnardo Services Ltd delivers the Family Hubs provision in the Wyre Forest district.

Under the new contracting arrangements, the aforementioned provider will continue to deliver the family hubs provision in the Wyre Forest district and will be contracted directly with the contracting Authority.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description**II.2.1) Title**

Family Hubs: Redditch & Bromsgrove

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Delivery of the Family Hubs provision across Bromsgrove and Redditch Districts

The Family Hub providers will be responsible for managing and coordinating the local offer of family hubs in line with the national Family Hubs and Start for Life Framework. This offer includes the delivery of evidence-based programmes and support.

In addition to coordinating delivery within Family Hub buildings, the providers will lead on the oversight of local Family Hub networks and the wider outreach model of Family Hub support within community assets. Providers will build community capacity including developing and sustaining community activities, utilising volunteers and community assets, information and advice and peer support.

Under the current contracting arrangements Redditch Borough Council delivers the Family Hubs provision in Bromsgrove and Redditch districts.

Under the new contracting arrangements, the aforementioned provider will continue to deliver the family hubs provision in Bromsgrove and Redditch districts and will be contracted directly with the contracting Authority.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description**II.2.1) Title**

Family Hubs: Malvern Hills, Worcester City & Wychavon

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Delivery of the Family Hubs provision across Malvern Hills, Worcester City and Wychavon Districts.

The Family Hub providers will be responsible for managing and coordinating the local offer of family hubs in line with the national Family Hubs and Start for Life Framework. This offer includes the delivery of evidence-based programmes and support.

In addition to coordinating delivery within Family Hub buildings, the providers will lead on the oversight of local Family Hub networks and the wider outreach model of Family Hub support within community assets. Providers will build community capacity including developing and sustaining community activities, utilising volunteers and community assets, information and advice and peer support.

Under the current contracting arrangements Action for Children Services Limited delivers the Family Hubs provision in Malvern Hills, Worcester City and Wychavon districts.

Under the new contracting arrangements, the aforementioned provider will continue to deliver the family hubs provision in Malvern Hills, Worcester City and Wychavon and will be contracted directly with the contracting Authority.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure
IV.1) Description**IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the

following reason:

- absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Authority intends to direct award to the providers without a call for competition in accordance with reg 32(2)(b)(ii) of the PCR (2015).

The three providers are subcontractors under the current 0-19 contract. This contract was awarded in 2020 for 5 years with the option to extend by up to 2 years (from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2027) in accordance with the contract terms.

The contract was launched in the early stages of COVID it has had to pause, flex and change as a result. In addition the government have since introduced a new and expanded framework for delivery of family hubs, therefore the incumbent/ lead provider wanted to concentrate on the nursing element and no longer manage the wider Family Hub providers as it felt the Authority was better placed to influence the services to meet the needs of Worcestershire families.

Instead of extending the contract in its current form, the Authority is directly awarding contracts to the three sub-contractors/ providers. The direct award to the three providers will be in line with the current terms and conditions and will be for a period of two years, from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2027, with no option for extension.

The funding for the three providers under the direct award, is the same value that they received under the subcontracted arrangements. The scope of the contract has not been extended as the services provided remain the same. The new contract is for two years and this is the same as the available extension period under the current contract.

Each provider holds several leases for properties where the services are delivered from, these leases are between the Authority and the subcontractors under the current contracting arrangements and will be renewed/continued between the Authority and the providers under the direct award.

The Authority will not enter into a contract with the providers before 6 December 2024.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

WCC 2024 2073

Lot No

1

Title

Parenting, Community Support and Management of Family Hubs

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 November 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Barnardo Services Limited

Barnardo House, Tanners Lane, Barkingside.

Ilford

IG6 1QG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI53 - Redbridge and Waltham Forest

Companies House

01227919

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £783,546

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

WCC 2024 2061

Lot No

2

Title

Parenting, Community Support and Management of Family Hubs

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 November 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Redditch Borough Council

Town Hall, Walter Stranz Square

Redditch

B98 8AH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,191,352

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

WCC 2024 2060

Lot No

3

Title

Parenting, Community Support and Management of Family Hubs

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 November 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Action For Children Services Limited

3 The Boulevard, Ascot Road

Watford

WD18 8AG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Companies House

2332388

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,729,846

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Contracting Authority is satisfied that there is justification for a direct award. However, the Contracting Authority will observe a 10-day voluntary standstill period from the day after the publication of this VEAT Notice during which the Contracting Authority will not enter into any arrangement for the direct award.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom