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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

VEAT Notice for the provision of the Worcestershire Family Hubs

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.

Illford

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

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	
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# V.2) Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

Redditch

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**