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## **Independent Advocacy Service (Children)**

North Lanarkshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**13 August 2025, 12:00pm**

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

North Lanarkshire Council

Civic Centre, Windmillhill Street

Motherwell

ML1 1AB

#### **Email**

[corporateprocurement@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:corporateprocurement@northlan.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 3451430015

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00010](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00010)

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.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**

Independent Advocacy Service (Children)

Reference number

NLC-CPT-25-004

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

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

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

Services

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

The council wish to secure a contract for Independent Advocacy for Children: Independent advocacy, in all its forms, seeks to make sure children and young people (age 0 - 26 years old) can have their voices heard on issues which are important to them, and have their views and wishes considered when decisions are being made about their lives. It is an important part of the process of safeguarding rights.

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

Value excluding VAT: £980,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

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

The Council are seeking a contract to provide: Independent advocacy, in all its forms, seeks to make sure children and young people (age 0 - 26 years old) can have their voices heard on issues which are important to them, and have their views and wishes considered when decisions are being made about their lives. It is an important part of the process of safeguarding rights. Having an Independent Advocacy worker by their side is viewed as vital for vulnerable children or young people who may feel they have little control over their own lives. Independent Advocacy puts children and young people first, and at the center of their hearing, review or any other decision-making process or procedure.

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

Duration in months

48

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

##### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

As stated in the procurement documents

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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**

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Date

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12:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

TENDERERS PLEASE NOTE: Police Scotland identified a number of business areas which have a high risk of infiltration by Serious and Organised Crime groups; this Framework belongs to one such area and as such the Authority reserves the right to include enhanced probity checks prior to any contract award, including sharing tenderer information with Police Scotland.

The tender pack includes a schedule for the Declaration of non-involvement in serious organised crime; this is a mandatory tender submission requirement for all tenderers.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 59446. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Please refer to tender documents for requirement.

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

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

Scottish Courts

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

