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Tender

## **West Berkshire Children's Rights, Advocacy and Independent Visitor Service**

West Berkshire Council

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### **Changes to notice**

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

The Tender submission deadline has been extended by two days, to Wednesday 23rd July 2025, 12pm, to ensure sufficient time to all providers to submit bids, following a number of clarification queries, subsequently offering more time to all.

### **Scope**

### **Reference**

P00001569

## **Description**

To provide a Children's Rights and Advocacy Service for Children in Need and Children in Care referred to them by the Purchaser, providing approximately 75 contacts per quarter.

Note the Council may require the Contractor to increase this case load, if the Council has a growing requirement. For this we may consider additional batches of 10 referrals however any additional Service(s) are not guaranteed and will be discussed with the Contractor in monitoring meetings.

To provide an Independent Visitor Service for Children in the care of the Purchaser, providing approximately 25-30 matches per year.

To include provision of Mentoring Support for Young People who are on the edge of coming into care and needing additional support, providing up to 5 individual matches per year.

To provide a Mentoring Service for Young People Leaving Care. Providing weekly support to a small group of Young People living in the community, and up to 5 individual matches per year.

Note the Council may require the Contractor to increase these case load(s), if the Council has a growing requirement. Any additional Service(s) are not guaranteed and will be discussed with the Contractor in monitoring meetings.

To meet the National Standards for children's advocacy services.

The service will endeavour to meet the needs of all Children and Young People from diverse cultural backgrounds by providing appropriate resources (for example, translation and interpreting services). The services will be available to all Children and Young People referred into the service in line with the definitions in the Children Act and The Leaving Care Act.

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £495,627 excluding VAT

- £594,752 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2028
- Possible extension to 30 November 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The Council proposes to enter into a Contract for an initial term of 3 years with the option to extend by 1+1 years for a total term of 5 years. It is noted that any provision to extend is at the discretion of The Council and may require additional approval via internal governance.

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

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## **Submission**

## **Enquiry deadline**

11 July 2025, 6:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

23 July 2025, 12:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/westberks/asp/Home>

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

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### **Award criteria**

The Award Criteria are:

- 60 % technical or quality
- 30 % cost
- 10% social value

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### **Procedure**

#### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - open competition

## **Special regime**

Light touch

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## **Contracting authority**

### **West Berkshire Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTXJ-8922-CMNQ

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Region: UKJ11 - Berkshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government