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Young Persons Supported Living / Accommodation Pathway Service

London Borough of Enfield

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

London Borough of Enfield

Civic Centre

Enfield

EN1 3ES

Contact

Procurement Services

Email

procurement.support@enfield.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<http://www.enfield.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

Young Persons Supported Living / Accommodation Pathway Service

Reference number

DN708441

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The provision of an accommodation-based support service exclusively for vulnerable Enfield Young People of 18-24 years old. The service provides various levels of support

depending on the Young Person's needs. Supporting them into Education, Employment or Training and providing life skills for them to enable the Young Person to move on into an independent lifestyle.

In the current pathway, all of the remaining properties are owned by the existing provider (Christian Action (Enfield) Housing Association Ltd) apart from one other location. Furthermore, the provider does not want to dispose of or sublet their properties to another supported living provider. Some of the units have covenants upon them which means they can only be occupied by individuals requiring on-site support.

The pathway utilises the best units currently available to the provider. By having schemes of 14+ units, it maximises support resources available. The proposed pathway under the proposed contract will yield savings against the current contract.

To ensure that the contracting authority continue to benefit from the accommodation, a direct award for a newly remodelled contract is proposed as there is no reasonable alternative or substitute that exists to deliver the volume, quality and suitability of schemes within Enfield, in the current accommodation marketplace; even after reducing the number of units in the pathway.

The proposed contract is to be awarded for an initial term of three (3) years with an option to extend for a further period of two (2) years, thus giving a total contract length of up to five (5) years.

The service advertised in this notice falls under the services listed in Chapter 3 and Schedule 3 (Social and other specific services) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The procurement process that will apply to the service is specified in the Notice accordingly.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £3,455,949

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI54 - Enfield

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Intention to directly award a contract up to 5 years for the provision of an accommodation-based support service exclusively for vulnerable Enfield Young People of 18-24 years old to the contracting authority's existing provider, Christian Action (Enfield) Housing Association Ltd.

Therefore, the contracting authority intends to award the proposed contract in accordance with Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) and (iii) of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the negotiated procedure without prior publication due to there being no reasonable alternative or substitute and due to the protection of exclusive rights (ownership of purpose-built properties within the Borough) and is further explained as required within this Notice below.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

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II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: 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:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

The key reasoning and justification are set out below:

Firstly, the existing provider's exclusive ownership and possession of properties used for the service provision and the need to avoid disruption for the residents. This decision to directly award the proposed contract would ensure the continuation of 94 units of purpose-built accommodation for vulnerable Young People (that we may lose if going out to tender). The housing market is very limited in Enfield and the loss of these units would put further pressure on the market and risk significant disruption for the vulnerable Young People currently accessing the service.

Secondly, the absence of competition for technical reasons as there are no other providers that could secure the amount and quality of supported accommodation within a reasonable timeframe. Without the concentration of units currently achieved through the arrangements with Christian Action (Enfield) Housing Association Ltd (which owns the units) the service to vulnerable young people would be fragmented and would lead to either a reduction in support hours per person or an increase in costs, to accommodate staff travel time between sites.

And thirdly, there is the prevention of vulnerable Young People potentially becoming homeless as the contracting authority would be securing a pathway for the future.

Note, the contracting authority will now observe a 10-day standstill period, commencing the day after the publication of this Notice.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

DN708441

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 December 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

Christian Action (Enfield) Housing Association Ltd

Benedict House, 61 Island Centre Way

Enfield

EN3 6GS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI54 - Enfield

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: £3,455,949

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom