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Tender

ASC0317 - Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Feasibility Study

Leicester City Council

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Scope

Reference

ASC0317

Description

Leicester City Council has a statutory responsibility to provide safe accommodation for domestic abuse victims (adult and child). The responsibility is laid down in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. There are related duties in the Housing Act 1996 and the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023. The provision of support is for all victims of domestic abuse including their children, regardless of their relevant protected characteristics, within 'relevant' accommodation (as defined by the Domestic Abuse Support (Relevant Accommodation and Housing Benefit and Universal Credit Sanctuary Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2021). The new duties (contained in Part 4 of the 2021 Act) on relevant local authorities aim to ensure victims of domestic abuse have access to the right accommodation-based support when they need it.

The current model within Leicester City Council is to procure domestic abuse safe accommodation and related support services whereby the providers of the specialist

support secure the accommodation from which their support will be delivered. They might own or lease this accommodation. This takes time, skill, knowledge, and resource to secure and can be a barrier to those organisations who might be interested in delivering specialist domestic abuse support. Within this model, the ability to expand units of safe accommodation is limited to what the support providers can source, and when, leading to higher placements in general needs temporary accommodation, with less support and higher cost.

Leicester City Council, as lead for the Leicester Domestic Abuse Locality Partnership Board, would like to contract a consultancy supplier to establish if it would be in the best long-term interests of the Council to adopt an alternative method of delivering the domestic abuse safe accommodation provision, or continue as is.

Total value (estimated)

- £60,000 excluding VAT
- £72,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 1 January 2026
- 3 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98200000 - Equal opportunities consultancy services

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UKF21 - Leicester

Participation

Conditions of participation

Conditions of participation can be found in the published suite of documents.

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

4 August 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

18 August 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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Yes

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	The quality weighting of this procurement is weighted 80%	Quality	80.00%
Price	The Price weighting of this procurement is weighted 20%	Price	20.00%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

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The Authority has a statutory responsibility to provide safe accommodation for domestic abuse victims (adult and child). The responsibility is laid down in the Domestic abuse Act 2021, with related duties in the Housing Act 1996 & the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023. The provision of support is for all victims of domestic abuse including their children, regardless of their relevant protected characteristics, within 'relevant' accommodation (as defined by the Domestic Abuse Support (Relevant Accommodation & Housing Benefit and Universal Credit Sanctuary Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2021).

Technical specifications to be met

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Contracting authority

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