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Contract

## **Provision of an Integrated Community Sexual Health Service in Sefton**

Sefton Council

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKD73 - Sefton

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<http://www.sefton.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**

Provision of an Integrated Community Sexual Health Service in Sefton

Reference number

DN768081

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85323000 - Community health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

Sefton Council is appointing a provider to provide Integrated Sexual Health Services (ISHSs) in Sefton.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice in line with the Competitive Process. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 (PSR). For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by midnight on Tuesday 12th August 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

#### **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: £23,100,000

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

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD73 - Sefton

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

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The Council has conducted this procurement in accordance with The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 (Regulation 11, Competitive Process). Sefton Council's tendering portal, The Chest ([www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk)) has been

used for this tender process. The reference number for this tender on the portal is DN768081.

Contract title: Provision of an Integrated Community Sexual Health Service in Sefton

Contract reference: DN768081

Name and address of the registered office or principal place of business of the provider to whom an award is to be made:

Brook Young People

Penhaligon House

Green Street

Truro, England

TR1 2LH

Description of the relevant health care services to which the contract relates, including the most relevant CPV code:

CPV Code: 85323000 - Community health services / 85100000 - Health services

Sefton Council is appointing a provider to provide Integrated Sexual Health Services (ISHSs) in Sefton.

Local authorities are responsible for improving the health of their local population and the commissioning of public health services, including sexual health services.

Sefton's Public Health Commissioners' ambitions for improving the sexual health and wellbeing of the people of Sefton are set out in the service specification that was issued with the tender documents. It acknowledges the need for close collaboration between Public Health Commissioners and the Provider to shape the service in response to local intelligence, sexual and reproductive health need, and the insight obtained through consultations with Sefton residents and other stakeholders.

The initial term of the Contract will be for four years from 1st April 2026 until 31st March 2030 with a proviso in the Contract documentation for the Council to have the option to extend the Contract up to a maximum of three years after the initial term.

The Council's maximum budget for this contract is £3,300,000 exc. VAT per annum. The approximate lifetime value of the contract is £23,100,000 exc. VAT. The tender

documents indicated that tenders including price proposals that exceed the ceiling price would be deemed non-compliant and would be rejected.

Agreed rates will be fixed for 36 months from the Contract start date. Any price variation following the 36-month fixed period will be subject to the percentage uplift to the available Public Health Grant awarded to the Council.

The price agreed for the contract is subject to the ongoing availability of sufficient funding. The Council reserves the right to increase the budget should additional funding be available. Allocation of additional funding to this contract will be at the sole discretion of the Council.

Approximate lifetime value of the contract: £23,100,000 over the life of the contract including extensions

Award decision-makers: The Cabinet Members of Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council

Reasons for selecting the chosen provider:

Two tender submissions were received. A tender was rejected due to their bid exceeding the maximum ceiling price stated in the tender documents for the fixed price period of the contract.

Basic selection criteria were applied to the tenders on a pass / fail basis with the successful provider achieving a pass.

Contract award criteria were designed taking into account the Provider Selection Regime 2023's five key criteria. The award criteria were split into the following sections:

- Quality questions 50%
- Social value 10%
- Price 5%
- Presentation and interview 35%

The assessment of the remaining tender response in relation to the award criteria was undertaken by a panel of members with expertise in public health and overseen by the Council's procurement department. The successful provider achieved an overall score of 66.45%.

Conflicts or potential conflicts of interest and how they were managed

No conflict of Interests have been declared

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Presentation / Interview / Weighting: 35

Price - Weighting: 5

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-018934](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

DN768081

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

31 July 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Brook Young People

Penhaligon House, Green Street

Truro

TR1 2LH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £23,100,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court of England and Wales

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Review procedures are as set out in The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.