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Tender

Independent Best Interest Assessors 2025

East Riding of Yorkshire Council

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Scope

Reference

BMC1017-2025

Description

In order to support in complying with the statutory requirement, the commissioner (East Riding of Yorkshire Council) is procuring the services of Independent Best Interest Assessors (BIAs) to assist in the completion of Deprivation of Liberty Standards (DoLS) assessments. This will be achieved through the provision of Best Interest Assessors, on an open Framework Agreement, who will be invited to undertake DoLS assessments for the purpose of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 on behalf of vulnerable adults across the East Riding of Yorkshire, and occasionally out of county. This is a Pseudo Open Framework under the Light Touch Regime for the provision of Independent Best Interest Assessors and will be opened once every 12 months during the duration. Following the tender initial tender deadline a new tender will be advertised, for continuity and submissions can be made at any time, however, please note they will only be evaluated once every 12 months. The second deadline for submissions will be 12 noon on 1 September 2026. The next (third) opening after the deadline of 12 noon 1 September 2026 will be 1 September 2027. The evaluations for the third opening will be completed

during the month of September 2027 and service providers notified of the outcome of their submission prior to the start of the following month e.g. submissions in September 2027 will be notified in October 2027 and will join the framework from the beginning of November 2027. This procedure will remain the same each year during the lifetime of the Framework agreement. (i.e. a new tender to be advertised after each deadline until the penultimate year of the Framework agreement). Service providers who have been appointed onto the Framework following the initial opening (and subsequent openings) do not need to resubmit and will remain on the Framework.

Commercial tool

Continuation of an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Previous framework:

[Independent Best Interest Assessors 2025](#)

Total value (estimated)

- £2,503,200 excluding VAT
- £3,003,840 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2026 to 6 November 2028
- Possible extension to 6 November 2030
- 4 years, 6 days

Description of possible extension:

Two further 12 month extension options available (up to 24 months in total)

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKE12 - East Riding of Yorkshire

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

6 November 2030

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

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Award method when using the framework

With competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

25 August 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

1 September 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=96698&B=

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

16 October 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 2 September 2026

Award criteria

| Name | Type | Weighting |
|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Price | Price | 50% |
| Quality | Quality | 50% |

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

East Riding of Yorkshire Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government