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Award

Black Country Advocacy for Children and Young People

Wolverhampton City Council

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Walsall Council

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Scope

Reference

CWC23108

Description

City of Wolverhampton Council, Sandwell Children's Trust and Walsall MBC has jointly commissioned an advocacy service for children and young people in receipt of social care services: this includes looked after children, children in need and care leavers to meet their statutory obligation to provide such a service and to promote involvement of children and young people in care planning.

The service will provide an advocacy service for children and young people in receipt of social care services, no matter the type of setting in which they are placed, that empowers them to make sure that their rights are respected, and their views and wishes are heard at all times.

The provision will provide advocacy service to:

- Children and Young People in Care
- Care Leavers
- Children subject to a Child Protection Conference
- Family Help (including all children, Early Help and Children In Need)
- Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children who require an age assessment
- Children and Young People with disabilities

The service will operate in line with the Effective Advocacy for Looked-After Children, Children in Need and Care Leavers Statutory guidance for local authorities September 2023 and the National Standards for the Provision of Children and Young People's Advocacy Services September 2023.

Referrals to the Service will be made to the Service Provider by:

- Children or young people themselves if they are in receipt of social care services, or by children and young people with a disability receiving short breaks living with special educational needs and disability (SEND), or by any other person who does so with the knowledge and consent of the child or young person in care,
- Carer or professional in contact with child or young person meeting the children and young people in care criteria.
- Telephone, letter or personal contact.

The maximum total funding available for the delivery of this service is £945,000 including 2 years option to extend.

Contract 1. Black Country Advocacy for Children and Young People

Supplier

- CORAM VOICE (FORMERLY VOICE FOR THE CHILD IN CARE)

Contract value

- £945,000 excluding VAT
- £1,181,250 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

11 August 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

11 August 2025

Standstill period

- End: 21 August 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

29 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2030

- Possible extension to 30 September 2032
- 7 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract has a built in extension period of up to 2(two) years.

The Council may, by giving written notice to the Supplier not less than six (6) Month(s) prior to the last day of the Initial Contract Period, extend this Contract on the same terms for a further period or further periods of up to a maximum of 2 (two) years in total.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

Contract locations

- UKG37 - Sandwell
- UKG38 - Walsall
- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Information about tenders

- 5 tenders received
- 5 tenders assessed in the final stage:

- 3 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 4 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 4 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Supplier

CORAM VOICE (FORMERLY VOICE FOR THE CHILD IN CARE)

- Companies House: 3050826

41 Brunswick Square

London, England

WC1N 1AZ

United Kingdom

Email: Tenders@coramvoice.org.uk

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Black Country Advocacy for Children and Young People

Contracting authorities

Wolverhampton City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVBV-7568-LBLL

Civic Centre, St Peter's Square

Wolverhampton

WV1 1SH

United Kingdom

Email: corporate.procurement@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Region: UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJHD-8764-YRJJ

Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street

Oldbury

B69 3DE

United Kingdom

Email: Procurement_SMBC@sandwell.gov.uk

Region: UKG37 - Sandwell

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Walsall Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHGR-7481-DHXR

Civic Centre, Darwall Street

Walsall

WS1 1TP

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@walsall.gov.uk

Region: UKG38 - Walsall

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Contact organisation

Contact Wolverhampton City Council for any enquiries.