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Integrated Youth Service Offer

Knowsley Council

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Scope

Reference

DN778382

Description

Knowsley Council intends to commission an Integrated Youth Offer Service to fulfil its statutory requirement under Section 507B of the Education Act 1996. This will comprise of two Lots:

Lot 1 - Detached Youth Work and Holistic Health & Wellbeing Support for Young People. The aim of this Service is to intervene in the lives of young people and offer a challenging programme of informal social education. Youth workers on this service will be important influencers on young people's lives to stimulate discussion and involve them in a variety of activities. This model of youth work practice will be targeted at young people on their territory (streets, parks, open and shared public spaces). Participation is voluntary and engagement is on the terms of the young people.

This service will also be responsible for delivering our 'youth voice' offer across the Borough, including the responsibility for the maintenance and delivery of our local youth

parliament and associated youth engagement and social action groups.

The service will also be responsible for delivering holistic health and wellbeing support provision for young people within the borough of Knowsley. This element of the service will be called the (Teenage Health in Knowsley Service - (THinK). The THinK service will be responsible for working with the Council and partner organisations to deliver public health interventions, information, advice and support to young people in Knowsley. The service must work with colleagues in public health and partner organisations across Knowsley to co-design this support. The service will act as a key delivery partner to ensure that key public health messages, interventions, information, advice and support are provided to young people in Knowsley in a consistent and seamless manner.

The successful provider will also be expected to maintain the Our Place building on Longview Drive, Huyton which will also be included in this Contract. The anticipated costs associated with the running of this building have also been included as part of the Contract's budget.

Lot 2 - Targeted 1-1 Work. The aim of this Service is to support young people in the Borough to ensure they reach their potential; overcome barriers they face and achieve the outcomes and goals they set themselves. The Service will work in a variety of ways; including 1-1, small group work, coaching, etc., and will be responsible for the promotion of the Service to young people in the area. The Service will also contribute to Boroughwide activities and events for young people.

The Service will be available to all Knowsley young people aged 11 up to their 18th birthday or aged 25 for young people with SEND.

The Service Contract is anticipated to be for a term of 4 years, with provision for further periods of time up to a maximum of 24 months in aggregate.

Providers are eligible to apply for one or both Lots.

Total value (estimated)

- £4,680,000 excluding VAT
- £4,680,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2026 to 31 January 2030
- Possible extension to 31 January 2032
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

If stakeholders are satisfied with the service provider and are looking to utilise the agreed extension period.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UKD7 - Merseyside

Lot 1. Detached and Holistic Health & Wellbeing Support for Young People (THink)

Description

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The successful Provider will be required to support the priorities set out within the Knowsley Cared for Children Strategy 2023-2026 and Knowsley Care Experienced People Strategy 2023-2026. This will include providing a dedicated offer over a minimum of two days at Our Place, but with the ambition to grow an offer that will support and enhance opportunities for care experienced people to achieve their aspirations.

Maintenance of the Our Place building on Longview Drive, Huyton will also be included in this Contract. The anticipated costs associated with the running of this building have been included as part of the Contract's budget. Please be aware that no equipment or assets currently in the building will transfer as part of the contract but may be agreed by way of separate negotiations with the incumbent Provider.

Lot value (estimated)

- £3,300,000 excluding VAT
- £3,300,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Targeted 1:1 Service

Description

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Lot value (estimated)

- £1,380,000 excluding VAT
- £1,380,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Detached and Holistic Health & Wellbeing Support for Young People (THinK)

Lot 2. Targeted 1:1 Service

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

29 September 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

3 October 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

31 October 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	80%
Price	Price	20%

Other information**Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

Procedure**Procedure type**

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Documents

Associated tender documents

[1. ITT Invite and Instructions \(To be read\) v3.1.docx](#)

[2. Specification \(To be read\).docx](#)

Contracting authority

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