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Tender

Consolidated Advocacy Service for Adults

Darlington Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

PB2025-00062

Description

Darlington Borough Council wishes to appoint a single Contractor for the provision of a range of Advocacy services for eligible adults.

The Services will include:

Relevant Person's Representative (RPR), Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA), Independent Mental

Health Advocacy (IMHA), Care Act Advocacy, A Deprivation of Liberty authorised by the Court of Protection Rule 3 Representative, Advocacy support to people with a hearing impairment, some limited General Advocacy, the provision of training to friends and family members to support them in the advocacy role and the development and support of Peer Advocacy which will be further detailed in the Specification.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,380,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028
- Possible extension to 31 December 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The Council may extend the Contract for a period of 2 x 12 months by providing the Contractor with notice in writing

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

26 September 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

6 October 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.open-uk.org/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

20 November 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	90%
Social Value	Cost	5%
Social Value	Price	5%

Other information**Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Darlington Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCRZ-3744-WXXZ

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Region: UKC13 - Darlington

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

