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Contract

## **Independent Advocacy (Adults)**

North Lanarkshire Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-054212

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04995b

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

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

North Lanarkshire Council

Civic Centre, Windmillhill Street

Motherwell

ML1 1AB

#### **Email**

[corporateprocurement@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:corporateprocurement@northlan.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00010](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00010)

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **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**

Independent Advocacy (Adults)

Reference number

NLC-CPT-24-042

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

The Council wish to procure a service for Independent Advocacy Service for Adults  
“Independent advocacy is the practice of providing support and representation to individuals, ensuring that their voices are heard, and their rights are upheld without any conflict of interest or external influence. Advocacy services and advocates at solely in the interests of the person that they are supporting, helping them to make informed decisions, express their wishes, and navigate often complex systems such as health and social care. Independent advocacy is free from bias or affiliation with other organisations and ensure that the needs and preference of the individual are the primary focus.”

#### **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: £3,507,405

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

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

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

North Lanarkshire

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Agreement will be awarded for a total of circa 36 months with the council reserving the option to review its options then and throughout the full term.

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

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

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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: [2024/S 000-028842](#)

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

### **Contract No**

NLC-CPT-24-042

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

17 December 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

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

Equal Say

51 Kirk Rd

Wishaw

ML2 7BL

Telephone

+44 07725792133

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,507,405

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

\*This notice retrospectively completes the Contract Award.

The contract period is 3 March 2025 until 01 March 2030.

For avoidance of doubt, this is not a new open requirement.

(SC Ref:809421)

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

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

Scottish Courts

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom