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Award

Pathways

Cardiff Council

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Scope

Description

Direct Award - The PATHWAYS service model brings together expert assessment, therapy options and additional supports to the needs of the families identified through an initial assessment.

Contract 1. Pathways

Supplier

- Adoption UK

Contract value

- £1,385,103 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

30 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 July 2026
- Possible extension to 30 July 2028
- 2 years, 9 months, 30 days

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend for 12 months, with an additional option to extend for a further 12 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

Contract locations

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Light touch

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

The voluntary organisations deliver specialist services that could not be replicated via a tender nor can be by other organisations due to the regulatory regime. The Welsh Government require the grant to be spend on voluntary adoption support organisations operating in Wales.

All are registered adoption agencies with Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) which is a legal requirement to provide adoption services in Wales.

The organisations have been identified in previous Welsh Government grant award letters

The organisations have been identified in the investment plans which have been approved by /or have been submitted to the Welsh Government.

Supplier

Adoption UK

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVZD-7511-ZMZT

Barford Road

Oxfordshire

OX15 4FF

United Kingdom

Email: accounts@adoptionuk.org.uk

Region: UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Cardiff Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVHP-5769-YHRQ

County Hall

Cardiff

CF10 4UW

United Kingdom

Email: socialcare.procurement@cardiff.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.cardiff.gov.uk>

Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales