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Award

Diversionsary Caution Scheme – Domestic Abuse

The Police & Crime Commissioner for Sussex

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Scope

Reference

JPS1796

Description

This Invitation to Tender ("ITT") has been issued by The Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex who are seeking to award a Contract for the provision of Diversionsary Caution scheme - Domestic Abuse.

The Requirement will be tendered as a single supplier.

The Contract Term shall be for a period of four (4) years with the option to extend by a further two (2) x Twelve (12) month extensions.

The anticipated commencement date of the Contract is 17th November. Any changes to this commencement date will be communicated to all bidders through the contracting authority's e-Procurement Portal

Following the success of Project CARA (Cautioning and Relationship Abuse), all UK

Forces now have dispensation to deliver Conditional Cautions for eligible standard risk Domestic Abuse (DA) cases. However, Forces must demonstrate adherence to CARA principles within the Intervention provided. Our aim is to ensure that our stakeholders obtain the best value for money to maximise the benefits to front-line operational performance.

CARA is a recognised and award-winning early intervention program for low risk, first time offenders of domestic abuse who have received a conditional caution. The program promotes awareness of domestic abuse, self-reflection, and behavioural change - helping offenders to recognise the impact of their actions on partners, children, and relationships.

Launched initially in 2011 as a pilot with Hampshire Constabulary and the Hampton Trust, CARA has since been adopted in nine UK regions. A Cambridge University study from 2012-2014 indicated that CARA participants were 35% less likely to reoffend in DA incidents compared to a control group. Additionally, CARA regularly performs Impact Reports, where they analyse organisational progress, stories of change and offender feedback - as seen below, results from 2023/2024 highlight general Police usage alongside benefits of the self-reflection and behavioural change aspects of CARA.

From August 2024, all UK Police Forces received dispensation to deliver CCs for eligible standard-risk DA cases when using a CARA-compliant intervention - avoiding submission of these to the CPS.

January 6th '25 Sussex launched Conditional Cautions for standard-risk DA. There were 10 referrals in this first month and whilst this may be inflated due to cases held awaiting launch date, uptake is expected to increase over time.

Contract 1

Supplier

- [Interventions Alliance](#)

Contract value

- £119,931.86 excluding VAT
- £143,918.23 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

19 September 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

19 September 2025

Standstill period

- End: 30 September 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

2 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 17 November 2025 to 16 November 2027
- Possible extension to 16 November 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

2 x 12 month increments

Contract values listed in this notice include extension period.

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Additional diversionary caution schemes may be added during the life of the contract.

CPV classifications

- 85322000 - Community action programme
- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community

Information about tenders

- 2 tenders received
- 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

- 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Unsuccessful suppliers

- [Hampton Trust](#)
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Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

Hampton Trust

- Companies House: 03182827

Ashurst

southampton

SO40 7AA

United Kingdom

Region: UKJ36 - Central Hampshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Interventions Alliance

- Companies House: 15471624

Office 8 Waterman House, 1 Lord Street

Kent

DA12 1AW

United Kingdom

Email: natalie.sands@interventionsalliance.co.uk

Region: UKJ43 - Kent Thames Gateway

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

The Police & Crime Commissioner for Sussex

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPLN-2959-YWYQ

Sackville House, Brooks Close

Lewes

BN7 2FZ

United Kingdom

Email: JointProcurementService@Surrey.Police.UK

Region: UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government