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Contract

## **Discharge to Assess Service**

Aberdeen City Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0556f1

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00231](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00231)

**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**

Discharge to Assess Service

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Aberdeen City Health & Social Care partnership required a provider to develop and deliver a Discharge to Assess service. The provider who would develop a stand alone team who would work alongside hospital staff to identify individuals who are medically fit to be discharged but require a period of recovery, assessment and enablement in their own home environment. The level of need of these individuals would normally indicate that they would require a care home environment. Following a targeted period of support at home, including overnight support where required, the individual's need for ongoing support will be assessed and commissioned from existing providers if required.

#### **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: £7,079,764

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

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

Main site or place of performance

Aberdeen City

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

The Discharge to Assess Service will be developed by a service provider in partnership with Aberdeen Health & Social Care Partnership. A test of change will be run over a two year period and if, following evaluation, it is deemed to be successful will be followed by a three year contract for the delivery of the service. The provider would develop a stand alone team who would work alongside hospital staff to identify individuals who are medically fit to be discharged but require a period of recovery, assessment and enablement in their own home environment. The level of need of these individuals would normally indicate that they would require a care home environment. Following a targeted period of support at home, including overnight support where required, the individual's need for ongoing support will be assessed and commissioned from existing providers if required.

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

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The contract duration and estimated contract value includes an initial two year test of change and an optional three year extension should outcomes be evidenced following evaluation

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-036505](#)

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

11 September 2025

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

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 8

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 8

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

British Red Cross Society

44 Moorfields

London

EC2Y 9AL

Telephone

+44 3448711111

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £7,069,764

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

1. The Council shall obtain a Creditsafe credit check and will score bidders accordingly:

71 - 100 Very Low Risk – Accept

51 - 70 Low Risk - Accept

30 - 50 Moderate Risk – subject to further discussion internally with the option to reject.

21-29 High Risk – subject to further discussion internally with the option to reject.

1-20 Very High Risk – Reject.

If no credit check can be undertaken the following will apply:

2. Please state current turnover (if contract value is over 50% of reported turnover, further discussion will be had internally with the option to reject).

3. If you are under no obligation to publish accounts on Companies House and/or do not have a comprehensive credit rating then provide audited financial accounts for the previous two years. Both quick and current ratios should be a minimum of 1:1.5 for the two successive years. Bidders whose ratios do not meet the minimum criteria will be rejected. Bidders who can provide audited accounts but chose not to do so shall be rejected.

4. Bidders who have been trading for less than one year and cannot provide audited accounts must submit the cash flow for the current year and a letter from the bank outlining the current cash and credit position for the current year and subsequent year. This will be subject to internal discussion with the option to reject.

5. If bidder still does not meet the financial criteria for consideration but has a parent company that does, the firm may still be eligible for consideration where their submission is supported by a parent company guarantee.

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

**VI.4.1) Review body**

Aberdeen Sheriff Court

Aberdeen

Country

United Kingdom