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Planning

Independent Advocacy Service for Adults in Herefordshire - Market Engagement RFI

Herefordshire Council

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Scope

Reference

DN792914

Description

Herefordshire Council is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) for the purpose of establishing whether there are any organisations that are interested in providing Independent Advocacy Service for Adults in Herefordshire.

The new contract is proposed to commence on 1 August 2026, with a minimum term of five years, with an option to extend the contract for up to an additional two years.

The Provider would be contracted to provide Statutory Advocacy Services for Adults. This requires the provision of skilled advocates, with specialist knowledge and training.

The advocacy service is currently delivered across the whole of Herefordshire, and this level of coverage will continue under the new contract. In most cases, an in-person

service will be required, so provider must ensure the availability of suitably trained and experienced staff, as well as locally based office accommodation.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2031
- Possible extension to 31 July 2033
- 7 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75110000 - General public services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UKG11 - Herefordshire, County of

Engagement

Engagement deadline

17 October 2025

Engagement process description

Herefordshire Council has published this market engagement notice on the 'Supplying the Southwest Portal', project reference DN792914. To view the documentation related to this opportunity you will need to register on the portal if you are not already registered with Procontract, and express an interest in the opportunity.

Closing date for responses: 17 October 2025 at 12:00

To register with Procontract on the Supplying the Southwest Portal, click on the link below or copy and paste the link into your browser's address bar:

<https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk>

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

23 January 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Herefordshire Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDTG-2978-LHCN

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