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## **Independent Advocacy for Adults**

Argyll and Bute Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-064689

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-059072

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

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00063](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00063)

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

**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 for Adults

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

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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

Services

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

Independent Advocacy Service for Adults

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £723,520

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute
- UKM81 - East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire and Helensburgh & Lomond

Main site or place of performance

Argyll and Bute

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

The Provider will provide an Independent Advocacy Service (the Service) to Adults in the Argyll and Bute local authority area.

The Service will be provided to adults over 16 years of age principally under the following legislation:

The Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

The Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000

The Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007

The Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002

The Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011

The Social Care (Self Directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £723,520

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

48

#### **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**

Please note that the contract value shown is the estimated value for the max contract term of 4 years.

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Please refer to the ITT

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure**

Information about national procedures is available at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2014/12/contents>

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

Please refer to the ITT

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

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

Notice number: [2025/S 000-052456](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

13 November 2025

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=812870](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=812870).

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Tenderers should confirm which item from the Council's request list is to be provided as part of this contract, and include a methodology/ plan/ statement as to how this will be delivered.

Community Benefits list | Argyll and Bute Council ([argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://argyll-bute.gov.uk))

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Download the ESPD document here:

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD\\_Download.aspx?id=812870](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=812870)

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

Dunoon Sheriff Court

Dunoon

Country

United Kingdom

