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Tender

Families First for Children Pathfinder

Wolverhampton City Council

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Scope

Reference

CWC25129

Description

The procurement is for the Families First for Children Pathfinder (FFCP) programme, under a multi-lot contract comprising:

Lot 1 - Targeted Youth Support: this will be a needs-led provision designed to support young people in navigating services, accessing support, and having their voices heard in matters affecting their lives and wellbeing.

Lot 2 - Parental Advocacy: this will be a needs-led provision designed to support parents and carers in navigating services, accessing support, and having their voices heard in matters affecting their families.

The Procurement will be conducted in accordance with the Act using the Open Procedure (Section 20 (2(a)) for services which are considered Light Touch Regime (LTR) services under the Public Procurement Act 2023.

The complete competitive process is detailed with the ITT document, found free of charge at the website address documented within this contract notice

<https://www.wolverhamptontenders.com>

Total value (estimated)

- £1,180,000 excluding VAT
- £1,416,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract has optional extension of up to one year. The extension of this contract is subject to funding availability and subject to the Council's internal governance processes. The Council has the discretion to extend this Contract after year 3.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKG39 - Wolverhampton
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Lot 1. Targeted Youth Support

Description

This service will support vulnerable young people aged 11-18, particularly those at risk of exploitation, gang involvement, and youth violence. The model is embedded within the Family Help strand and will work with families open to Targeted Family Help and Child in Need pathways, without requiring a social worker allocation.

The aim is to deliver trauma-informed, multi-agency support for adolescents (11-18) at risk of extra-familial harm, exploitation, and poor outcomes, without requiring an allocated social worker.

- Intensive 1:1 support and group interventions.
- All-female delivery team for trauma-informed work with girls.
- Referrals from Family Help, YOT, MACE, and other partners.
- Early Support Plans and exploitation screening tools.
- Performance monitoring including "distance travelled" outcomes.

Detailed requirements are set out with in the Tender Pack - Appendix B: Targeted Youth Support Service Specification

Lot value (estimated)

- £880,000 excluding VAT
- £1,056,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Parental Advocacy

Description

This service will enhance parental engagement in child protection processes through independent advocacy. Advocates will support parents during Section 47 enquiries and child protection conferences, ensuring their understanding and voice are central to decision-making.

The service expects providers to provide independent, professional advocacy for parents involved in statutory child protection processes (CIN, CP, LAC), ensuring they are informed, supported, and empowered to participate meaningfully.

Key features include:

- Support for all parents, including fathers and non-resident carers
- Representation at key child protection stages
- Focus on improving parental experience and collaboration
- Advocacy at key safeguarding stages (Section 47, CP conferences, Core Groups)
- Rapid allocation within 24 hours of referral
- Focus on barriers to engagement (e.g., neurodivergence, mental health, domestic abuse)

- Embedded within Family Help Teams
- Monthly performance reporting and DfE checkpoint submissions

Detailed requirements are set out within the Tender Pack - Appendix B: Parental Advocacy.

Lot value (estimated)

- £300,000 excluding VAT
- £360,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Lot 1. Targeted Youth Support

Lot 2. Parental Advocacy

Tenderers must have a minimum annual turnover of £440,000 if they intend to bid for Lot 1 only, and £150,000 if they intend to bid for Lot 2 only or £590,000 if they intend to bid for both lots, to be eligible to bid for this contract.

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Targeted Youth Support

Lot 2. Parental Advocacy

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

Enquiry deadline

14 November 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

27 November 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tender instructions as stipulated with in the ITT instructions.

Please ensure you are registered at www.wolverhamptontenders.com to be able to access all the tender documents, registration is free.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

15 January 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Lot Specific Quality Questions	Lot 1 - Targeted Youth Quality Support - Experience & Lessons Learnt - 5% - Approach to Service Delivery - 15% - Staff development and Training - 15% - Impact of Key Workers - 10% - Risks and Mitigation - 10% - Targeted Youth Support - Provision for Girls - 10% - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - 10% Lot 2 - Parental Advocacy - Experience & Lessons Learnt - 5% - Approach to Service Delivery - 15% - Staff Training and Development - 15% - Meeting KPIs - 15% - Risks and Mitigation - 12.50% - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - 12.50%		75%
Mandatory Quality Questions: Applicable to both Lots	Stakeholders and multi-Quality disciplinary working - 15% Social Value - 10%		25%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Documents

Associated tender documents

<http://www.wolverhamptontenders.com>

Appendix B - Our council Our Plan

Appendix B - Lot 1 - Targeted Youth Service Specification

Appendix B - Lot 2 - Parental Advocacy Service Specification

Appendix D - Contract Terms and Conditions

CWC25129 - ITT Instructions

CWC25129 - Invitation to Tender

CWC25129 - Market Engagement Pack

CWC25129 - Data Processing Summary

Contracting authority

Wolverhampton City Council

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