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Award

Market Engagement for Counselling and Support Services

BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S TRUST COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

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Scope

Description

The contract (Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) is to provide therapeutic services for children and young people impacted by sexual abuse, violence, or exploitation and to their parent(s) or carer(s) to minimise the impact of the abuse on their mental health and emotional wellbeing. The service will:

- Provide therapeutic services to children and young people, up to 18 years of age (this may be extended up to 21 years of age for care leavers), who are the victims of sexual abuse, violence or exploitation and to their parent(s) or carer(s) in order to minimise the impact of the abuse on their mental health and emotional wellbeing;
- Promote resilience for the child or young person to enhance their prospects of positive outcomes and to enable them to promote their own safety and wellbeing;
- Direct service users to specialist services if continuing or other needs are identified and to facilitate access through established processes.

In addition to the main contract, there will be a Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Support Service for Children and young people assessed as Experiencing or Emerging CSE, and their parents/carers/families. The service will be delivered through Independent Sexual Violence Advocacy (ISVA) support, Counselling/therapeutic support and Supporter

counselling/therapeutic support:

- To provide a child-centred, strengths-based, trauma informed and responsive approach that is both flexible & tailored to meet the needs of children and young people subjected to CSE.
- To provide a compassionate and relational approach to each child and young person, which works to acknowledge the systems, contexts and safe, protective relationships around them.
- To build the resilience of the protective factors and relationships around children and young people, while working actively to build psychological safety, trust and rapport.
- To build 'wrap around,' holistic support for the families, parents/carers & professionals supporting children and young people.

Referrals will be predominately from BCT, the market engagement event will facilitate question's and answer's and provide an overview of the service.

Contract 1. Counselling and Support Services

Supplier

- Rape & Sexual Violence Project Birmingham

Contract value

- £1,277,844 excluding VAT
- £1,533,412 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 November 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2028
- Possible extension to 31 October 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Contract will have the option to extend by 12 months plus 12 months. The contract is only likely to be extended if no other providers are able to deliver a similar service. The Trust may undertake soft market testing prior to the end of the initial contract end date to ascertain if any other providers have entered the marketplace and if a competitive tendering can is an option.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services
- 85312320 - Counselling services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Light touch

Direct award justification

- Single supplier - technical reasons
- Extreme and unavoidable urgency

A market engagement was published 8th May 2025 outlining project scope and potential suppliers requested to submit an expression interest. The market did not respond to the market engagement notice and express of interest was limited to one provider only. The Trust decided to switch to a direct award as a competitive process requires more than one supplier or provider.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

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Contracting authority

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