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Planning

COMMS-Family Advocacy Service for Bereaved Families following a Death in Prison Custody

Scottish Government

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKM - Scotland

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

COMMS-Family Advocacy Service for Bereaved Families following a Death in Prison Custody

Reference number

Case/799177

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Government seeks to commission an independent Family Advocacy Service to provide specialist support and representation to families following the death of a loved one in prison custody. The service will be independent, trauma-informed, and rooted in advocacy principles, ensuring families are supported, heard, and empowered throughout complex post-death processes.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provider will be expected to deliver a service that:

- Empowers families to understand their rights and navigate relevant procedures following

a death in custody.

- Provides emotional, practical, and procedural support throughout investigations, reviews, and inquiries.
- Advocates on behalf of families in engaging with statutory bodies.
- Ensures that communication with families is clear, consistent, and compassionate.
- Contributes to learning and accountability through reporting and family feedback.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

5 January 2026

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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