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

Scottish Government

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05f1a6

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

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

Scottish Government

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**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482](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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=815435](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=815435).

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