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Tender

Independent Visitors RMBC Residential Provision Regulation 44

Rotherham Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

23-247

Description

The Council is seeking to engage a single provider to deliver Independent Visitor (Regulation 44 Officer) services, which include both announced and unannounced visits to Rotherham's Children's Homes in accordance with Ofsted regulations. During these visits, the independent person must assess the quality of care, interact with the children and staff, and review the home's records. They will then produce a report detailing their findings and recommendations to enhance the home's operations and ensure compliance with Ofsted regulations. This service must be provided at least once a month, with accurate, evidence-based reports to help improve the quality of residential homes for children.

There are currently 7 homes that are fully operational and a further 5 which have been approved and will form part of the scope for this contract. The provider is required to attend all homes specified for this contract when requested by the Council, therefore there is an expectation that the provider will deliver up to 144 reports expected on an annual basis and 576 reports for the full duration of the contract for the maximum of 12 homes.

The actual dates for mobilisation of the further 5 homes are unknown at present but envisaged to take place during 2026 subject to Ofsted registration approvals. When each new home is ready a contract modification will be undertaken

No other reporting/reports will be included in the scope of this procurement.

Total value (estimated)

- £155,520 excluding VAT
- £186,624 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 6 March 2026 to 5 March 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

Contract locations

- UKE31 - Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Tender submission deadline

16 January 2026, 10:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

All tenders to be submitted via YORtender (Merrell CTM)

Bidders can register at the following link free of charge and download the tender documentation <https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=YORTENDER>

Bidders are advised to search for YORTENDER REF: 86503 to identify the project

All responses in relation to the Social Value element of the tender must be made via the Social Value Portal

<https://www.socialvalueportal.com/>

Full details about how to submit tender responses is contained in the tender

documentation.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

The award criteria will be allocated as follows:

Quality: 50%

Price: 30%

Social Value: 20%

Full details are included within the tender documentation.

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Rotherham Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGYC-3376-BGQP

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government