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Contract

Independent Advocacy Service (Children)

North Lanarkshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-056267

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

North Lanarkshire Council

Civic Centre, Windmillhill Street

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corporateprocurement@northlan.gov.uk

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+44 3451430015

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00010

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Independent Advocacy Service (Children)

Reference number

NLC-CPT-25-062

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The council wish to secure a contract for Independent Advocacy for Children: Independent advocacy, in all its forms, seeks to make sure children and young people (age 0 - 26 years old) can have their voices heard on issues which are important to them, and have their views and wishes considered when decisions are being made about their lives. It is an important part of the process of safeguarding rights.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £980,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

North Lanarkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council are seeking a contract to provide: Independent advocacy, in all its forms, seeks to make sure children and young people (age 0 - 26 years old) can have their voices heard on issues which are important to them, and have their views and wishes considered when decisions are being made about their lives. It is an important part of the process of safeguarding rights. Having an Independent Advocacy worker by their side is viewed as vital for vulnerable children or young people who may feel they have little control over their own lives. Independent Advocacy puts children and young people first, and at the center of their hearing, review or any other decision-making process or procedure.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2025/S 000-041423](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 December 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Who Cares? Scotland

The Pentagon Centre, 36-38 Washington Street

Glasgow

G3 8AZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £980,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

TENDERERS PLEASE NOTE: Police Scotland identified a number of business areas which have a high risk of infiltration by Serious and Organised Crime groups; this Framework belongs to one such area and as such the Authority reserves the right to include enhanced probity checks prior to any contract award, including sharing tenderer information with Police Scotland.

The tender pack includes a schedule for the Declaration of non-involvement in serious organised crime; this is a mandatory tender submission requirement for all tenderers.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Scottish Courts

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom