

2223-0248 Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic women Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy (IDVA) service

Islington Council invites suitable expressions of interest from providers for the above named contract.

Current status / Background

Islington Council and its partners are committed to the provision of excellent services to address Domestic Abuse (DA). The Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic women IDVA service will be critical in reducing the level and impact of domestic abuse in Islington by increasing the safety of survivors and their families.

The requirement

This contract is for a domestic abuse advocacy and support service commissioned by Islington Council.

- The service will be independently developed, led and delivered by and for Black, Asian and minoritised women, promoting social and community cohesion. The service will respond specifically to the needs of Black, Asian and minoritised women who have experienced violence and will reach communities and individuals who face multiple barriers to accessing statutory and other voluntary services.
- The service will provide IDVA roles embedded within Islington's voluntary and community sector settings who will provide support to survivors of violence against women and girls (VAWG) experiencing domestic abuse, sexual violence, female genital mutilation, forced marriage and other oppressive and harmful practices.
- The service will provide one-to-one support to survivors of VAWG and domestic abuse, co-ordinating multi agency support and safety planning by providing practical solutions in Islington.
- This service will meet the needs of and provide services to Black, Asian and minoritised women including transgender women.
- The service will demonstrate anti-racist values through actions and accountability to Black, Asian and survivors from minoritised backgrounds based on collaboration, inclusivity, and intersectional representation.
- Islington Council and partners will work with the provider to develop the service to meet the needs of survivors and their families. To enable us to do this we require a service

provider who is knowledgeable about the impact of VAWG on diverse communities, experienced in delivering domestic abuse services and who will work innovatively to meet the needs of survivors and their families.

- The service provider will demonstrate a clear focus on utilising resources providing the greatest positive impact for survivors and their families.
- The service provider will demonstrate exceptional social value improving economic, social, and environmental wellbeing of survivors and their families.

Lots

This contract is not being split into lots because it is a specialist service with a targeted/specific client group

TUPE [Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations]

Potential providers must be aware that TUPE may or may not apply to this service. Further details will be available in the invitation to tender.

Contract Period

The agreement will run for a period of 24 months. It is estimated that the contract will start in July 2023 with the option to extend for up to two periods of 36 months subject to satisfactory performance and available funding.

Contract Value

The estimated maximum total value of this contract is £1,184,000 over the maximum 96 months term of the contract. This is based on £148,000 per annum. Any bids over this amount may be disqualified.

The contract is partially funded by the Mayors Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF). The LCPF grant is allocated to Islington council every 36 months. Current funding has been confirmed from April 2022 until March 2025. Due to the external match funding the contract's length will be initially awarded for 24 months with possibility of extension if LCPF funding is confirmed.

If external match funding is not extended (via MOPAC London Crime Prevention Fund) the annual contract value will be reduced to £88,000 per annum.

Bidders will be required to provide proposed model of delivery and staffing in an event that the funding will have to be reduced.

Award criteria

The contract will be awarded to the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations. MEAT for this contract is quality 70% and cost 30%. Further details will be provided in the invitation to tender.

Cost 30%

Quality 70%

Quality made up of:

Proposed model of service delivery and staffing 20%

Proposed approach to social value 20%

Proposals on meeting the needs of a diverse client group and promoting the voice of survivors 10%

Proposed approach to managing risk and safety 10%

Quality assurance, service monitoring and continuous improvement 5%

Proposed approach to partnership and multi-agency working 5%

Total 100%

Tenderers should be aware that we reserve the right to hold interviews during the tender process. Interviews will be for verification/clarification purposes of the written submission.

We reserve the right to interview leading bidders.

Procurement Process

This procurement will be conducted in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, under Chapter 3 Section 7 Social and Other Specific Services (known as the light touch regime). Under Regulation 76 the council is free to establish a procedure, provided that the procedure is sufficient to ensure compliance with the principles of transparency and equal treatment of economic operators (service providers).

The procedure will be based on a one stage tender. As per the open procedure, any interested economic operator (service provider) may submit a tender in response to the advertisement.

Those who submit a tender and meet the minimum requirements will have their full tender, method statements and pricing evaluated.

How to express an interest

If you wish to apply for this contract please follow the steps below:

Register your company free of charge via the [London Tenders Portal](#).

Await acceptance. You will receive an email confirming your username and password.

Use your username and password to log into the London Tenders Portal and express your interest in 2223-0248 Black, Asian and minoritised women Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy (IDVA) service – 85000000 Health and social work service. 85312310 Guidance services

Shortly after you have expressed interest, you will receive a second email containing a link to access the tender documents.

Deadlines

The deadline for expressions of interest is: **11.59am on Thursday 2 February 2023.**

Submission of Tender documents by: **12 noon on Thursday 2 February 2023.**

Late submissions may not be accepted.

Additional information

- Islington Council and its partners are committed to work towards a 'Fairer Islington', for more information see www.islington.gov.uk.
- Please **do not** include any publicity material with your submissions.
- Islington Council aims to provide equality of opportunity and welcomes applicants who meet the qualitative selection criteria from black and minority ethnic communities and disabled groups.
- The Council encourages all types of organisation who meet the qualitative selection criteria including Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations, Social Enterprises or not for profit enterprises and small to medium enterprises (SME) to tender.
- Your submission will be marked in stages. Only applicants who meet the requirements at each stage will progress to the next stage. Further details will be contained in the tender documents.
- Please include the Contract Number of this tender process when communicating with the Council in any way.
- All questions relating to this contract should be raised via the question and answer section of the relevant contract on the London Tenders Portal. Please do not contact any officer of the council directly.

- Applicants are advised that all costs incurred either directly or indirectly in preparation, submission or otherwise related to this advertisement will be borne by them, and in no circumstances will the council be responsible for any such costs. Applicants are also advised that the council at its sole discretion acting reasonably and in good faith reserves the right to abandon the procurement at any stage prior to contract award.
- As part of a commitment to transparency the council is now publishing all spend over £500 each month. This includes spend on contracts, so the successful contractor should expect details of spend against the contract to appear on the council website [Islington Council: Council contracts](#). The council is also committed to publishing tender and contract documentation after contract award stage. Commercially sensitive information will be redacted from documentation. What constitutes commercially sensitive information is a matter for the council's sole discretion. However, tenderers will be invited to identify information they consider to be commercially sensitive in their tender return and this will be taken into account in the council forming a view.