

2021-0229 Assessment and Progression Support Service for Single Homeless People Aged 16-25

Islington Council invites suitable expressions of interest from organisations to provide 24-hour accommodation and support for young people 16-25 who are homeless, looked-after children and/or care leavers.

Current status / Background

Following a recent review of the current service, further consultation has been undertaken with Adults and Children's Commissioning and a peer-to-peer review conducted by the Children's Active Inclusion Service (CAIS). The outcome was that the service could be a more effective part of the current young persons' housing pathway by re-configuring the service from an assessment centre to an Assessment and Progression Service. These changes are set out in the service specification.

The requirement

The service will provide a high quality 24-hour accommodation with support for young people aged 16-25 with an emphasis on 16/17 year olds.

The service will provide young people with the skills required to enable them to live independently, and move-on to appropriate accommodation.

The service will work with Islington Council, the private sector and partner agencies to identify appropriate move-on accommodation, with a move-on plan completed with the young person at the start of their tenancy.

Lots

This contract is not being split into lots. The council is looking for a single coherent service.

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 contract period will be for 24 months from an estimated start date 1 April 2022 with an option to extend up to a further 12 +12 months.

Contract Value

The estimated total value of this contract is £796,392 over the maximum 48 month term of the contract. This is based on £199,098 per annum.

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%. Tender submissions will be subject to minimum quality thresholds. Further details will be provided in the invitation to tender.

Award criteria	Total
Cost	30%
Quality – made up of method statement questions:	70%
Safeguarding and Risk	20%
Social Value	20%
Implementation	10%
Partnership Working	10%
Trauma Informed Approaches	5%
Co-Production	5%
Total	100%

Tenderers should be aware that we reserve the right to hold site visits and/or presentations and/or interviews during the tender process. Site visits and/or presentations and/or interviews will be for verification/clarification purposes of the written submission.

We reserve the right to interview leading bidders.

Procurement Process

This contract will be procured using the Open Procedure. The Open Procedure means that all bidders who successfully express an interest will automatically be invited to tender and have access to the tender documents. 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**.

Link: <https://procontract.due-north.com>

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 2021-0229 Young People's Assessment and Progression Service [85311000: Social work services with accommodation]

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 29 October 2021**

Submission of Tender documents by: **12 noon on 29 October 2021**

Late submissions will 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.