

2223-0125 Supported Living Service for Adults with Learning Disabilities – Windsor Street

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

Background

Windsor Street is a purpose built scheme offering accommodation that will provide 11 new homes for residents with a learning disability and/or autism. The scheme will be utilised to provide; appropriate accommodation for individuals currently placed in out of borough spot placements, young people transitioning to adults' services and, for service users where it is no longer suitable for them to continue to live with their family carer or their current setting.

The new scheme consists of 11 self-contained flats across three floors, as well as access to a shared communal space. There are 4 fully adapted pods on the ground floor for people with additional physical disabilities, 4 flats on the first floor for people with high needs and 3 flats on the second floor for people who are more independent (moderate needs).

Windsor Street will support Islington's adult social care vision for Islington to be a place made up of strong, inclusive and connected communities, where regardless of background, people have fair and equal access to adult social care support that enables residents to live healthy fulfilling and independent lives.

Islington's Strategic Commissioning and Adult Social Care Market Position Statement 2021-2024 sets out its commitment to ensuring that people with learning disabilities are supported to live as independently as possible, in their local communities and close to friends and family.

The new contract will ensure that residents living at the scheme are supported appropriately with their health, wellbeing, and safety in the community. The service will also support people to stay in the borough and remain close to their family support networks.

The requirement

The contract is for the provision of care and support with Islington Council being the landlord, at a new purpose built, supported living service at Windsor Street. The eleven people residing at the scheme will have a range of support needs including those who

have additional physical disabilities, are wheelchair users and may need a high level of individual support and care with managing their daily lives.

The scheme will be comprised of four fully wheelchair accessible units at ground floor level sharing a combined living, kitchen, dining room with additional assisted bathroom and seven self-contained flats (two fully wheelchair-accessible; five wheelchair-adaptable) on the upper levels

The contract for care and support will ensure that there is 24-hour support at the services and the intention is to procure the service with a 'core and flexi' model to support individuals' choice, freedom, and control.

Lots

This contract is not being divided into lots because this is a contract for provision of care and support at a single scheme.

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

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

Contract Period

The contract period will be for nine years with break clause options available for the council to terminate annually after year three. The estimated start date of the contract will be January 2024

Contract Value

The contract will be funded through existing social care budgets on a core contract value. The estimated maximum core annual contract value for the service will be £587,276 per annum. Therefore, the maximum estimated total global cost of the core contract for Islington Council will be £5,285,490

In addition to the core annual budget the successful provider will be responsible for managing the individual service funds (ISFs) for residents residing at the scheme. The estimated annual individual service fund (ISF) for residents residing at the scheme is £467,296. However, the

amount paid to the provider is based on the actual need of the client and the ISF budget will be subject to change (both up and down) according to subsequent changes in need for each client. The ISF (lead) provider can charge up to £20 per month per client to manage their ISF.

We recognise that due to the length of the contract there will be requests for uplifts. The Council is committed to paying the London Living Wage and we will work with providers during the annual uplift process to ensure staff who are paid the LLW continue to be paid the LLW for the lifetime of the contract.

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%.

Cost 30%

Quality 70%

Quality made up of:

Proposed approach to service delivery model: achieving outcomes, personalisation 20%

Proposed approach to health and safety of service users and staff (including safeguarding people who use services from the risk of abuse/danger) 20%

Proposed approach to social value 20%

Proposed approach to staff recruitment and retention, skills, development and supervision 10%

Total 100%

We reserve the right to interview leading bidders.

Procurement Process

As the value of this contract opportunity is above the threshold for wider advertising of the opportunity, a contract notice will be published on Find a Tender Service and Contracts Finder.

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 on 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 2223-0125 Supported Living Service for Adults with Learning Disabilities – Windsor Street. Category 85000000: Health and social work 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 26 June 2023

Submission of Tender documents by: 12 noon on 3 July 2023

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.