

Portal Contract Reference: DN441196

Internal Contract Reference: HAC5564

Contract Title: Domestic Abuse Casework Service

Expressions of interest start date: 20/03/2020

Return of tenders/bids end date: 17/04/2020

Initial Contract Duration: 42 months

Extensions: None

Contract Start Date: 01/10/2020

Contract End Date: 31/03/2024

Estimated Contract Value (including extensions): £828,452 (£180,000 per annum core funding. First grant of £104,000 which expires 30/9/22 and second grant of £94,452 which expires 30/9/21)

Description:

For avoidance of doubt this is not a call for competition at this stage, the purpose is to advise the market on the forthcoming procurement of London Borough of Tower Hamlets and seek feedback from the market on the changes to the final specification following previous market engagements.

This contract will provide support to survivors of domestic abuse (DA) aged 16 or above who live in the borough. The purpose of the service is in line with the Tower Hamlets Strategic Plan, Mayors Manifesto and the VAWG Strategy 2019-2024 that aims to increase safety of adults and children due to domestic abuse; provide access to a range of protection and support services and provide advocacy to represent the clients with a number of statutory and voluntary agencies.

This service will give priority to the highest risk DA victims, victims of economic abuse and victims who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The service will provide emotional and practical support; develop safety plans and undertake risk management strategies to safeguard victims and their families.

The core funding of £180k per annum allows providers to create a model that will achieve the contract specifications. The two additional grants have a few additional essential requirements which are that for the first two years of the contract, one Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) will be co-located with Department of Work and Pensions at Poplar Job Centre and will prioritise work with victims of economic abuse or DA victims who are having financial difficulties. For the first year of the contract, one IDVA and one Floating Support Worker will be co-located at LBTH Housing Options and will work with DA victims who have approached Tower Hamlets Housing Options and/or have been placed in temporary accommodation in or out of borough.

A supplier briefing will take place on Tuesday 10th March 2020 between 12:00pm and 2:00 pm.

Location:

Room MP C2
Mulberry Place, Town Hall,
5 Clove Cres, Poplar,
London E14 2BG

Please contact Stacey.Bradburne@towerhamlets.gov.uk for further information and to register for the event **by Friday 6th March 2020**

Additional Information:

Bidders should note that the Contract relates to services that fall under the “light touch” regime of Regulations 74 to 77 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This Procurement Exercise will therefore be run in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as they apply to “light touch” services. While the Authority is following a process similar to the open procedure under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 *neither that fact nor any other statements, acts or omissions of the Authority in connection with this Procurement Exercise should be taken as indicating that the Authority intends to be bound by the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or the general principles of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to any greater extent than applies by law.*

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Organisations must ensure that access to the system is available to their representatives dealing with the contract and that this contact is updated as and when required.

The council will not be liable for the lack of delegated access within the organisation and will not send any documentation regarding the opportunity, which shall be exclusively available through the portal.

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If you require any further information prior to submit and expression of interest please contact the Council via email procurement@towerhamlets.gov.uk quoting the contract internal reference number.