
Tameside Children's Services Provider Event

Childrens Rights, Advocacy and
Independent Visitors Service

April 2021

Housekeeping

- Microphones are switched off for everyone who is not a presenter
- MS Teams has a chat facility on the sidebar – contributions and questions as we go along very welcome and we will stop to review and answer after each slide
- Questions are public so everyone can see;
- You can email nick.ellwood@tameside.gov.uk or Tim.Kulewa@trafford.gov.uk to raise a point with anonymity

Statutory Requirements

- The service is a requirement for Local Authorities under the 1989 Children's Act (Section 24)
- The successful supplier will need to deliver the service in accordance with the National Standards for the Provision of Children's Advocacy Services and best practice, and will include an Independent Visitors service.
- The standards are informed by Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the Human Rights Act 1998.

Service details

- The main aims of the service are to:
- Ensure that the views of children and young people are heard when decisions are being made that affect them.
- Help children and young people to access services from all the agencies they are involved with
- Help children and young people understand and exercise their rights and stay safe.
- Provide advice and support to children and young people
- Offer independent friendly support where contact with parents is infrequent or has stopped.

Service Details

The service will need to cover the following:

- Children's Rights and Advocacy
- Independent Visitors
- Independent Child Protection Advocacy
- Residential Visiting Advocacy

Contract details

- Indicative tender timeline:

Activity	Date
Issue of Invitation to Tender	7 th May 2021
Tender submission date	12 noon on 7 th June 2021
Evaluation of tenders	8 th June – 14 th June 2021
Tender Presentation/Interview	15 th June – 18 th June 2021
Expected date of Contract Award	28 th – 30 th June 2021
Contract Commencement Date	1 st August 2021 *subject to TUPE

Contract details

- Start date: 1st August 2021
- Total Length: 2 years + 1 year +1 year
- Total value: Indicative budget of £50,000 PA
- We believe that TUPE will apply
- Must be able to deliver virtually due to Covid 19
- Opportunity will be live from 07th May 2021 via The Chest
- Young People from our Children in Care Council will be involved in the evaluation process.

Thankyou for attending and listening

Any Questions