

North Yorkshire Council

Assistant Chief Executive – Local Engagement

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Contract for Procurement of Therapeutic Service for Children and Young People

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 It is recommended that the authority carry out an Invitation to Bid under the Light-Touch Regime for the re-tendering of the provision of Therapeutic Services. The estimated contract value will be in the region of £300,000 over three years.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Children and Young People's Therapeutic Services is currently provided by Foundation UK. This service is available to children and young people needing therapeutic intervention as a result of witnessing or suffering domestic abuse and who are now living in a safe environment. Therapies are effective interventions for children and young people with a variety of presenting difficulties caused by domestic abuse. These include emotional or behavioural difficulties, depression and/or aggression, soiling and/or wetting, fear, anxiety, nightmares, phobias, relationship difficulties with peers and/or siblings, quarrelling or fighting and children not realising their full potential academically or socially.
- 2.2 The current contract is due to expire on 30 September 2025 with no options to extend the current agreement therefore a procurement exercise must commence to ensure continuity of service.
- 2.3 Due to the value of this procurement there is no requirement for a gateway exercise therefore no supporting annex has been included with this report.

3.0 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE

- 3.1 The contract will be procured in line with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 Due to the value of this procurement there is no requirement for a gateway exercise therefore no supporting annex has been included with this report.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

- i) It is recommended that the authority carry out an Invitation to Bid under the Light-Touch Regime for the re-tendering of the provision of Therapeutic Services. The estimated contract value will be in the region of £300,000 over three years.

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