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| **OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER** | | | **DECISION NO: PCCG-2023-027** |
| **LEAD CHIEF OFFICER:** | | Nigel Stephens, Assistant Chief Officer – Resources | |
| **TITLE:** | | JCPS0418 – Provision of Women’s and Young Adult Services | |
| **DATE:** | | 8th February 2024 | |
| **TIMING:** | | Urgent | |
| **PURPOSE:** | | To award a Framework agreement for the Provision of Women’s and Young Adult Services | |
| **1.** | **RECOMMENDATION** | | |
| 1.1 | It is recommended the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent award Lot 1 and Lot 2 of Framework for the Provision of Women’s and Young Adult Services to The Nelson Trust. | | |
| **2.** | **INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND** | | |
| 2.1 | There is significant policy and strategy in relation to Women and Youth Justice including.   * *Joint Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and Welsh Government Women’s Justice and Youth Justice Blueprints (2019)* * *Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Female Offender Strategy* * *HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) and Welsh Government’s ‘A Framework to support positive change for those at risk of offending in Wales’ - priority cohorts including Women, Families and Significant Others, Young People.*   In 2019 the Commissioner awarded a contract in 2019 for the Provision of Women’s Pathfinder (Whole System Approach and 18-25 Early Intervention) in the Gwent and South Wales force areas. This is due to expire on 31st March 2024.  HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) had a separate contract for Commissioned Rehabilitative Services (CRS).  Funding was in place for a Visiting Mum Service in HMP Eastwood Park and HMP Styal.  The Police and Crime Commissioner’s in Wales, HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) and Welsh Government were keen to build on the learning from the existing commissioned services to better integrate key contracts, where possible and provide efficiencies and a more effective service delivery. | | |
| 2.2 | The Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent is leading the joint commissioning of Women and Young Adult Services on behalf of the Commissioning Partners which include the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent, Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales, HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) in Wales and Welsh Government. This commissioning requirement would bring the current services detailed in 2.1 under one co-commissioned contract.  The requirement was completed through an open procurement process via eTenderWales, reference itt\_105881, in compliance with Force Standing Orders paragraphs 80-89 and the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The framework is divided into two individual lots.  **Lot 1** – Covers Women’s Pathfinder (Whole System Approach), 18-25 Early Intervention Service, Commissioned Rehabilitation Service (CRS) and Family Ties Services within Gwent and South Wales.  **Lot 2** – Covers Commissioned Rehabilitation Service (CRS), Womens Pathfinder Whole System Approach development and Family Ties Services within Dyfed Powys and North Wales. | | |
| 2.3 | The tender closed on 22nd November 2023 with two bids received for both Lot 1 and Lot 2  Tenders were evaluated using the following tender evaluation criteria:   * Commercial – 30 * Technical including Social Value – 70%   Tender responses for each Lot were evaluated by a panel made up of commissioning party members. | | |
| 2.4 | Following evaluation, The Nelson Trust was identified as providing the most economically advantageous tender receiving the highest overall marks against the tender evaluation criteria in both Lot 1 and 2. | | |
| **3.** | **ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION** | | |
| 3.1 | The Framework agreement will run for a period of 12 months – 12th February 2024 to 11th February 2025.  A call off contract under the framework will need to be completed. The call offs will be for a 3-year period (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2027) with the option to extend for a further 12 months until 31st March 2028. | | |
| **4.** | **NEXT STEPS** | | |
| 4.1 | Upon authorisation of this report, the framework document will be signed . The Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent will act as the lead for the Lot 1 call off contract and HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) will act as lead for the Lot 2 contract. | | |
| **5.** | **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS** | | |
| 5.1 | The anticipated total contract value for the initial three (3) years  Lot 1 - £7,939,609.00  Lot 2 - £1,870,741 | | |
| 5.2 | Funding for the services is provided by all commissioning partners, The year 4 extension funding cannot be guaranteed at this point in time and will be reviewed towards the end of the initial call off term. | | |
| **6.** | **PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS** | | |
| 6.1 | It has been identified as part of the process that TUPE legislation will apply, and incumbent providers staff will transfer to the new provider. | | |
| **7.** | **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS** | | |
| 7.1 | The procurement process has been completed in accordance with Public Contract Regulations 2015 | | |
| 7.2 | The tender documents, framework agreements and call off documents were all drafted with conjunction with legal advisors. | | |
| **8.** | **EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS** | | |
| 8.1 | This report has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Strategic Equality Plan and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group.    Consideration has been given to requirements of the Articles contained in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act 1998 in preparing this report. | | |
| **9.** | **RISK** | | |
| 9.1 | If this framework is not signed, the commissioning partners cannot guarantee a service provision beyond 31st March 2024. The Commissioned Rehabilitative Service (CRS) element is a HMPPS statutory service required for women in the criminal justice system. The non award of the framework will have a detrimental impact on the rehabilitation services available for women and young adults within the criminal justice system.  Women and young adults were reflected as a priority area of the Commissioners Police and Crime plans in Wales. | | |
| **10.** | **PUBLIC INTEREST** | | |
| 10.1 | Official contract award notice has been published via Sell to Wales. Find a Tender/ Official Journal reference number 20240212-000005 (2024-138434). | | |
| **11.** | **CONTACT OFFICER** | | |
| 11.1 | Sian Gunner, Procurement Manager - Joint Commercial and Procurement Services | | |
| **12.** | **ANNEXES** | | |
| 12.1 | None | | |

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| **Office of the Chief Constable**  I confirm that the award report of the Framework for the Provision of Women’s and Young Adults Services has been discussed and approved at a formal Chief Officers’ meeting.  It is now forwarded to the OPCC for approval purposes. |
| **Signature:** NS - signature  **Nigel Stephens, ACO-Resources** |
| **Date: 09/02/2024** |

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| **Acting Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent**  I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct.  The above request has my approval. |
| **Signature:** |
| **Date: 20/02/2024** |