

DECISION NUMBER: PCCG-2018-043

OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

LEAD CHIEF OFFICER: Assistant Chief Officer, Resources

TITLE: Missing Children Team Debrief Service

DATE: 30 October 2018

TIMING: Urgent

PURPOSE: For decision

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that the contract for the Provision of Missing Children Debrief Service be awarded to Tenderer C, in accordance with paragraph 84 of the Manual of Corporate Governance, Part 3e Standing Orders Relating to Contracts.

1.2 The contract is awarded for Three (3) years with an option to extend for a further Two (2) years on an annual basis.

2. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

2.1 In 2011, public services in Gwent commissioned and funded a scoping and analysis exercise to establish the effectiveness of their responses and the depth of their understanding of the problem relating to runaway children.

2.2 Through a combination of consultation with stakeholders and services users and quantitative and qualitative analysis, we are able to demonstrate that there are significant shortcomings in the way agencies share information, how they define and assess risk, coordinate their responses and carry out follow-up activity with children who run away, to establish the root causes and keep them safe.

2.3 A Gwent Missing Children Team (GMCT) was developed and co-locating workers from Gwent Police, the Aneurin Bevan Health Board and the five Gwent Local Authority (Newport, Torfaen, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire and Blaenau Gwent) Social Services departments to collate and assess information about children going missing and running away, whatever their history and whether they live at home or are looked after.

2.4 The project with the support of Big lottery funding successfully commissioned an independent debrief service to which all children could be referred when they return and which will provide them with a consistent, impartial personal contact who can discuss their running away with them and through trust and empathy build a picture of the causes of the behaviour.

The multi-agency team in collaboration with the child, carers and designated social workers or health professionals can then facilitate access to the relevant service or solution to try and address the cause(s) and therefore 'break the

	cycle'.				
2.5	The aim of the Service is to ensure that the needs and circumstances of the Service User, reported as missing, are supported and risks ascertained in order to prevent the likelihood of them repeatedly going missing in the future.				
2.6	A new tender process was undertaken to secure a Contractor for the service following successfully securing further Big Lottery funding to continue providing a debrief service.				
3.	<u>ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION</u>				
3.1	Three tenders were received by the closing date and time and were evaluated by the Missing Persons Project Manager. The responses were evaluated on the basis of the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT). The Head of Procurement on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner facilitated the process.				
3.2	The evaluation criteria used were; 30% commercial and 70% technical (specification).				
3.3	Below is a breakdown of the scores achieved by the tenderers; agreed by the evaluation panel.				
3.4		Supplier Name	Tenderer A	Tenderer B	Tenderer C
	Award Criteria	Max Score			
	Price	40.00	39.86	39.77	40.00
	Quality - Spec Questions	60.00	34.00	46.00	46.00
	Total Score	100.00	73.86	85.77	86.00
4.	<u>NEXT STEPS</u>				
4.1	On approval of the report, all tenderers will be issued with a ten day standstill period letters in line with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR15), notifying of our intention to award the contract. Subject to any challenges Tenderer C will be awarded the contract.				
5.	<u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u>				
5.1	Breakdown of the Big Lottery grant funding for this services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 - £191,100 • Year 2 - £193,345 • Year 3 – £195,615 • Year 4 – £197,915 • Year 5 - £200,245 				

6.	<u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u>
6.1	There are no additional personnel considerations the GMCT are already established to manage the project.
7.	<u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u>
7.1	The tender documents were reviewed and approved by Joint Legal Services prior to issue.
8.	<u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u>
8.1	This project/proposal has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Single Equality Scheme and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group.
8.2	In preparing this report, consideration has been given to requirements of the Articles contained in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act 1998.
9.	<u>RISK</u>
9.1	Risks for the Commissioner should the contract not be awarded; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention of further incidents of children being reported to the police as missing or being missing and not being reported; and • Reduced working with children to break the cycle of going missing and being placed in vulnerable situations, through engagement • grant funding will need to be re-paid to the Big Lottery
10.	<u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u>
10.1	Following approval by the Commissioner, this report will be made available to the public after the ten day Standstill Period.
11.	<u>CONTACT OFFICER</u>
11.1	Paula Corfield – Head of Procurement
12.	<u>ANNEXES</u>
12.1	N/A

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Office of the Chief Constable

I confirm that the Missing Children Debrief Service report has been approved by the Assistant Chief Officer, Resources.

It is now forwarded to the OPCC for approval purposes.

Signature:



Date: 01/11/18

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: 6/11/18