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Planning

Contract for the provision of Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)

Walsall Council

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Scope

Reference

WP4185

Description

"This is a Preliminary Market Engagement Notice for the Provision of Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS).

As part of the Children and Families Act 2014, it is a legal requirement that all local authorities ensure disabled children and young people and children and young people with special educational needs and their parents have access to an impartial Information, Advice and Support (IAS) service.

The service supports independence and self-advocacy for children, young people and parents, enabling them to take part effectively in discussions and decisions relating to their education, health and care provision.

The soft market testing exercise is intended to allow interested organisations with appropriate experience to outline their views and ideas about the future provision of Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS).

Providers are invited to provide a response to the questionnaire that can be accessed via the below Intend link: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/walsallcouncil.aspx/Home>

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Total value (estimated)

- £650,000 excluding VAT
- £780,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 7 September 2026 to 6 September 2029
- Possible extension to 6 September 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 January 2026

Engagement process description

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This market sounding questionnaire is being undertaken by Walsall Council to obtain the views from potential bidders on the procurement process and possible future strategy for the following services:

? Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS).

Please find questionnaire to be completed at the link above."

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Walsall Council

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