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Planning

National Centre for Family Hubs and Integrated Family Services

Department for Education

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

National Centre for Family Hubs and Integrated Family Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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1. Raise awareness with the market of a potential future procurement process, and to enable time for organisations to begin early discussions with the Department for Education (the department) and each other as to how they may be able to deliver any future contract.
2. Inform the market that the department will be undertaking market consultation activity, to gather information about the supply market; to explore potential delivery models and associated benefits of those models; and to inform its understanding of the risks and issues relevant to managing transition to, and mobilisation of, any new service arrangements.

This will consist of an online event which will take place on 10th February 2025 at 10am

This PIN, and online event, relate to potential procurement activity for the Department for Education's Family Hubs programme.

Family Hubs do great work helping families access vital services to improve the health, education and wellbeing of babies, children, young people and their families. 75 of the most deprived Local Authorities (LAs) have received around £300 million from DfE and DHSC between 2022 and 2025 to set up family hubs with integrated Start for Life services (parenting, perinatal mental health, infant feeding). There are now more than 400 family hubs open across the 75 LAs. A further £126 million is available for 2025-26, with around £57 million available to provide a raft of support through Start for Life services to families on top of the £69 million announced in the budget for a network of family hubs.

Throughout the 2022-25 programme, DfE funded the setup of a National Centre for Family Hubs to provide expert advice and guidance to all local authorities, local commissioners, academies/schools and third sector bodies with regards to transforming to family hubs.

We are looking to extend the work of the National Centre for Family Hubs to continue to support local authorities in the implementation of the Family Hubs programme in 2025-26.

The role of the National Centre is pivotal in supporting LAs with the successful delivery of the programme, providing additional resource and expertise outside of the Department to provide tailored advice and guidance and create a community of sharing best practice across LAs.

The supplier will need to:

- Champion the adoption of family hubs with stakeholders and local areas/organisations
- Provide tailored regional support and thought leadership on family hub design and

implementation, with a focus on DfE/DHSC funded areas.

- Developing and disseminating evidence and good practice on family hubs and other models of integrated services for disadvantaged and vulnerable families, to support the effective transformation of local family services.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

21 February 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Potential providers that are interested in attending must register their interest via the Microsoft teams link below:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/303a4302-e670-4e4e-8a6d-991f50b94501@fad277c9-c60a-4da1-b5f3-b3b8b34a82f9>

Attendance will be limited to two attendees per organisation, when requesting an invite please provide the email address of the one/two attendees from your organisation that will attend the online event.

More information:

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