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Tender

Provision and Management of Creative Mentoring Service

Derbyshire County Council

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Scope

Reference

CCS042

Description

Derbyshire County Council is seeking to commission a service to provide creative mentors for Derbyshire Children in Care and any other child or young person that falls within the scope of extended duties of the Virtual School from Reception to Year 13. The in-person mentoring service will be required regionally to Derbyshire and nationwide (within England) where children/young people are placed in other local authorities.

The Virtual School requires the Provider to have the capacity of up to 65 children/young people receiving support for up to one term at any one time.

The Provider will utilise a primary provider delivery model and will be responsible for managing the creative mentor service and network of mentors, taking the concept of the existing mentoring model to meet the needs of both children and young people in education and those who are at risk of suspension or permanent exclusion.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,872,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2029
- Possible extension to 31 August 2032
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

Three, 1 year extension periods are available, subject to satisfactory performance, budget availability and on-going requirements for the service.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Please see published tender documentation.

Technical ability conditions of participation

Please see published tender documentation.

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

4 February 2026, 10:00am

Tender submission deadline

18 February 2026, 11:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advertiser?advertiserId=d74bf87b-e8f6-f011-813c-005056b64545&fromProjectDashboard=True>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

22 May 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 21 January 2029

Award criteria

| Name | Type | Weighting |
|--------------|---------|-----------|
| Quality | Quality | 70% |
| Price | Price | 25% |
| Social Value | Quality | 5% |

Other information

Payment terms

Please see tender documentation

Description of risks to contract performance

Legislative changes

and/or

Other external factors, outside of the control of the Council and Provider on a global, national, regional or local level which would require changes to the way in which the contract is performed or the costs associated with delivering services.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=d74bf87b-e8f6-f011-813c-005056b64545&fromProjectDashboard=True>

Contracting authority

Derbyshire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWZQ-2162-JJQL

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Region: UKF13 - South and West Derbyshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government