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Planning

Independent and Non-Maintained Special School (INMSS)

Lancashire County Council

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Scope

Description

Lancashire County Council is conducting a scoping exercise to identify Independent and Non-Maintained Special School (INMSS) providers who can support children and young people with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) requiring specialist placements.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- 2 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80340000 - Special education services

Contract locations

- UKD4 - Lancashire

Engagement

Engagement deadline

5 February 2026

Engagement process description

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Further information is contained within the 'INMS Scoping Exercise' document at the following link on LCC's Tendering Opportunities page:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/tenders-and-procurement/tenders/independent-and-non-maintained-special-school-inmss/>

Please review the further information via the above link and if you have capacity now or in the future, please send the required information under the 'Information Requested' section of the attachment to:

INMSS.Placements@lancashire.gov.uk

Please note, there may not be any tendering exercises as this is a scoping market analysis exercise.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Lancashire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBBJ-2179-TNXM

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Email: CAPHprocurement@lancashire.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/fusion-supplier-portal/>

Region: UKD45 - Mid Lancashire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

SOCIAL VALUE PORTAL LTD

Summary of their role in this procurement: Evaluation and ongoing contract management support for the social value deliverables under the future contract.

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQHH-4489-TLZM

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Contact organisation

Contact Lancashire County Council for any enquiries.