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Planning

Higher Education Provider - Step Up to Social Work

Stoke on Trent City Council

BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S TRUST COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

Coventry City Council

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Herefordshire Council

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Shropshire Council

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

Staffordshire County Council

Borough of Telford & Wrekin

Walsall Council

Worcestershire County Council

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Scope

Reference

CAFS/2025/257

Description

Funded by the Department for Education (DfE) Step up to Social Work is an intensive, 14-month, full-time programme. On completion, students will qualify with a Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work. A Higher Education Institution (HEI) is required for delivery of the programme. Students are selected from across the West Midlands. Stoke-on-Trent City Council is the lead authority for this service, working in partnership with local authorities across the West Midlands .

Total value (estimated)

- £1,540,000 excluding VAT
- £1,864,800 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 28 April 2025 to 31 March 2028
- 2 years, 11 months, 3 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

Contract locations

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Capacity conditions are included within the tender questionnaire

Technical ability conditions of participation

Equivalent qualifications and standards are included within the tender questionnaire

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

6 March 2025

Tender submission deadline

4 April 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Procurer/Advert/View?advertId=8a79a783-f0f8-ef11-8136-005056b64545&fromAdvertEvent=True>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

23 April 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	40%
Programme	Quality	15%
Starting arrangements	Quality	10%
Quality and Monitoring	Quality	10%
Social value	Quality	10%
Contact	Quality	5%
Professional Standards	Quality	5%
Health, Safety and Wellbeing	Quality	5%

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authorities

Stoke on Trent City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDQZ-1442-RZTZ

Civic Centre, Glebe Street

Stoke-on-Trent

ST4 1HH

United Kingdom

Email: agnes.ashun@stoke.gov.uk

Region: UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S TRUST COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

- Companies House: 10762047
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCJW-7359-HTYM

1 Avenue Road

Birmingham

B6 4DU

United Kingdom

Email: ProcurementTeam@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk

Region: UKG31 - Birmingham

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Coventry City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMJC-6861-XJPP

Council House, Earl Street

Coventry

CV1 5RR

United Kingdom

Email: procurement.services@coventry.gov.uk

Region: UKG33 - Coventry

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWYJ-3537-GLBW

Council House, Priory Road

Dudley

DY1 1HF

United Kingdom

Email: corporate.procurement@dudley.gov.uk

Region: UKG36 - Dudley

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Herefordshire Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDTG-2978-LHCN

Herefordshire Council, Plough Lane

Hereford

HR4 0LE

United Kingdom

Email: commercialservices@herefordshire.gov.uk

Region: UKG11 - Herefordshire, County of

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJHD-8764-YRJJ

Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street

Oldbury

B69 3DE

United Kingdom

Email: Procurement_SMBC@sandwell.gov.uk

Region: UKG37 - Sandwell

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Shropshire Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCLL-9577-QDZW

Guildhall, Frankwell Quay

Shrewsbury

SY3 8HQ

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@shropshire.gov.uk

Region: UKG22 - Shropshire CC

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGWC-7578-LYDG

Council House, Manor Square

Solihull

B91 3QB

United Kingdom

Email: procteam@solihull.gov.uk

Region: UKG32 - Solihull

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Staffordshire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZDG-2995-QQMD

1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street,

Stafford

ST16 2DH

United Kingdom

Email: commercial.team@staffordshire.gov.uk

Region: UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Borough of Telford & Wrekin

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHHD-5776-GZNN

Darby House, Telford Town Centre, Lawn Central,

Telford, Shropshire

TF3 4JA

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@telford.gov.uk

Region: UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Walsall Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHGR-7481-DHXR

Civic Centre, Darwall Street

Walsall

WS1 1TP

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@walsall.gov.uk

Region: UKG38 - Walsall

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Worcestershire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRPQ-4584-WLPQ

County Hall, Spetchley Road

Worcester

WR5 2NP

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@worcestershire.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk>

Region: UKG12 - Worcestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Contact organisation

Contact [Stoke on Trent City Council](#) for any enquiries.