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Planning

Independent Visitors Service

London Borough of Hackney

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Scope

Description

As a provider of Social Care, the London Borough of Hackney is bound by the Children Act 1989 (Schedule 2, Paragraph 17) to appoint an Independent Visitor for a child who is being looked after by the Authority

The aim of the Service is for an organisation to provide a stable and supportive adult relationship for a cohort of Children that are looked after and under 18 who are isolated from their families.

Total value (estimated)

- £350,000 excluding VAT
- £420,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2030
- Possible extension to 31 December 2032
- 6 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

28 February 2026

Engagement process description

The Children and Families service at the London Borough of Hackney is preparing for the upcoming procurement of an Independent Visitor Service, with an anticipated contract start date of 1st January 2027 for a minimum period of 5 years.

We invite organisations from the voluntary, community, and independent sectors to attend a market engagement event for providers who may be interested in submitting a tender for this service.

About the Service

We are seeking providers to work in partnership with the Local Authority to deliver a high-quality Independent Visitors service for children that are looked after. Successful providers must be committed to embedding Systemic, Trauma Informed and Anti Racist Practice within their service delivery, promoting psychological safety, inclusion, and collaboration with children and families.

This engagement will inform the commissioning and procurement process, which is focused on driving up quality and improving outcomes in line with Hackney's statutory duties under the Children Act 1989, Children and Families Act 2014, and Equality Act 2010.

The Event will take place virtually over the Google Meets Platform on Tuesday 24th February 2026 between 10:00am and 11:00am

How to Register Your Interest

Interested organisations are invited to register their interest in attending the event:

Via the portal by completing and uploading the short questionnaire before the deadline

The closing date for expressions of interest is Tuesday 17th February at 12pm.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 April 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

London Borough of Hackney

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRZC-5592-DDDV

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