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Planning

## **181286 Children's Residential and Education Services**

Moray Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Main address

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Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00160](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00160)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

181286 Children's Residential and Education Services

Reference number

181286

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Health and Social Care Moray intends to establish a framework for Children's Residential and Education Services. The framework will allow approved providers to be quickly identified and matched to children and young people requiring placements.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Residential Care

Lot No

1

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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Providers are encouraged to apply if they can demonstrate trauma informed, therapeutic, nurturing care for children and young people with adverse childhood experiences, social, emotional and behavioural needs, and additional support requirements.

This framework comprises four lots:

- Lot 1 – Residential Care
- Lot 2 – Residential Care with Education
- Lot 3 – Intensive Support Residential Care
- Lot 4 – Intensive Support Residential & Education

Young people currently in residential care have told us they value:

- Feeling safe, knowing the adults will protect them
- Knowing the adults want to spend time with them
- Deciding what they want to do with their time
- A nurturing and caring environment
- Keeping in touch with the adults when they move out
- Being accepted for who they are
- "A place to live, a place to sleep, 4 walls and a roof, good food and caring staff members"

Providers must evidence alignment with The Promise, including trauma informed, relationship based care that prioritises children's best interests and supports positive futures in education, care, and employment.

This new framework will be advertised by April 2026

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Residential Care with Education

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Intensive Support Residential Care

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Intensive Support Residential & Education

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation
- 80000000 - Education and training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

6 March 2026

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=823394](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=823394).

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