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Award

Independent non-maintained specialist school Autism Spectrum condition placements

Nottingham City Council

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Scope

Description

Up to 30 annual Autism Spectrum Condition SEND non-maintained special school placements during the period September 2026 to August 2031.

Contract 1

Supplier

- Autism East Midlands

Contract value

- £11,700,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 April 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training 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

Particular suitability

Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Light touch

Direct award justification

- Single supplier - technical reasons
- Extreme and unavoidable urgency

In order to address the sufficiency risk relating to specialist school places for pupils transitioning from mainstream primary

education from September 2026. Justification for a direct award is due to the absence of competition for technical reasons, and that there is no reasonable alternative option to secure the education services required. This provider is identified to be the only school able to meet the specific educational needs of the cohort in question, offering specialist secondary education places within Nottingham City.

Supplier

Autism East Midlands

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Region: UKF12 - East Derbyshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Nottingham City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZGG-1891-TDCX

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government