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## **Early Years Professional Development Programme - Phase 3 (PDP3\_**

Department for Education

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

Buyer's address

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Early Years Professional Development Programme - Phase 3 (PDP3\_

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

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

The purpose of this notice is to notify the market of forthcoming procurement activity relating to Phase 3 of the Early Years Professional Development Programme rollout (PDP3)

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £19,500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to notify the market of forthcoming procurement activity relating to the Department for Education's Early Years Recovery Programme.

The Department for Education will be seeking to engage a provider to deliver the third phase of the Early Years Professional Development Programme (PDP3). PDP3 will build on two earlier phases of the programme (PDP1 and PDP2).

The objective of PDP3, a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme, is to equip Early Years Practitioners (EYPs) with the skills they need to provide high quality support for early years children (age 2 – 4). The overall aim is to ensure EYPs have the skills they need to support children to catch up when they are in settings and are able to

refer them to the right services if required. The aim is at least 8,000 EYPs (with an optimum target of 10,000 ) trained by 31 March 2025.

The Department aims to cover all 152 Local Education Authorities nationally (England) under the PDP3 programme, with particular need to reaching areas with high levels of disadvantaged children whose learning has been most affected by COVID-19.

History of PDP 1 and 2 for information only:

The first phase, 'PDP 1', was rolled out to 50 Local Authorities (LAs) in 2019. Training here focused on early language and mathematics and utilised a cascade model to train champions who then embedded their learning in settings. Training was initially delivered face to face, but was pivoted to online provision following the COVID-19 pandemic. PDP 1 ends in July 2022.

PDP was extended to around 50 additional LAs across England in the 2021 to 2022 academic year under 'PDP 2'. As well as early language and mathematics, PDP 2 included content on personal, social and emotional development (PSED) for 2 to 4-year-olds in direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that children's mental health and wellbeing is prioritised. The training also included a focus on staff wellbeing. PDP 2 was delivered online directly to practitioners, rather than using a cascade model.

PDP 3 Tender Notice will be launched at  
<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

Early Market Engagement event was held following a publication which can be found at the link below: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/63544fea-a16c-427f-bd06-dd4f9ccda80a>

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

10 June 2022

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes