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Planning

Habilitation Support for Visually Impaired Children & Young People

Westminster City Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Westminster City Council

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.capitalesourcing.com

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**

Habilitation Support for Visually Impaired Children & Young People

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Westminster City Council and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea will be embarking on the recommissioning of their statutory habilitation support services for visually impaired children and young people. We are committed to securing high quality services which meet the needs of our visually impaired children and their families while ensuring the service represents value for money

We would welcome expressions of interest from providers with experience of delivering statutory habilitation support services for visually impaired children and young people. A

market engagement questionnaire can be found on [capitalesourcing](http://capitalesourcing.com), inviting feedback from providers in the market to outline their level of interest and capacity in relation to this future opportunity. The survey can be found by searching on www.capitalesourcing.com for the following pqq_WCC_1786_Habilitation Support for Visually Impaired Children - Market Engagement

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 80520000 - Training facilities
- 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Westminster and Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Habilitation Services are delivered to children and young people with vision impairment. Habilitation Specialists work in schools and other settings. The delivery of education to pupils with vision impairment is a statutory requirement. Some pupils require specialist habilitation support to ensure they can be independent at home and in school and access the mainstream national curriculum. In addition to providing support in education settings the current service includes assistance with independence and life skills to enable young people to lead fulfilled independent lives, where schools and early years' settings do not have the expertise to meet the needs of pupils.

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Children and young people who have a visual impairment will benefit from increased support of a Habilitation Specialist when moving into new settings, i.e. from early years to the school environment.

The HS in the habilitation service will:

- Find out about the child/young person's initial clinical diagnosis of visual (and other) needs from the referral made by the QTVI (qualified teacher for children and young people with visual impairments);
- Gather further information about the child/young person's needs by observing them in a variety of settings and activities (at home, around school, and outside of school) and by speaking to their parent/carer.
- Contribute to Annual Reviews of EHCPs by setting outcomes and targets. • Carry out assessments using the Nat SIP criteria to determine the level of support required.
- Understand how the child/young person uses their available vision for everyday activities (e.g. when eating, drinking, moving and playing).
- Carry out these observations alongside parents and in communication with a qualified teacher of the visually impaired (QTVI).
- Consult with other professionals such as paediatricians, physiotherapists, teachers or learning support assistants when required.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 September 2022

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

