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Planning

Children in Need Outcomes Research - Market Engagment

Department for Education

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Children in Need Outcomes Research - Market Engagment

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this PIN is to initiate market engagement. It is not being used as a call for competition. The PIN is intended as an information-gathering exercise to:

- Gain feedback from the market to support our thinking regarding future potential areas of research to effectively support the outcomes of children with a social worker over the next one to three years. The event is an opportunity for potential delivery partners to share their opinion and expertise regarding what they think should be key areas of focus for research to support children with a social worker.
- Gain feedback from the market of how they could deliver this package of research over the next one to three years.
- Identify market barriers and ways the Department can support the market to overcome barriers.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Children in Need Review, which was concluded in June 2019, included a commitment to build the evidence base on what works to improve the educational outcomes of children in need.

To address this gap, we have funded activity to test and evaluate the strengths of interventions targeted at improving outcomes for children in need. This includes:

- Embedding social workers in schools
- Testing the impact of supervision models for Designated Safeguarding Leads
- Testing new interventions to improve the attainment of children who have social workers

The Department is considering future plans for building further evidence of what works to effectively support this cohort. We want to use this market engagement to:

- Gain feedback from the market to support our thinking regarding future potential areas of research to effectively support the outcomes of children with a social worker over the next one to three years.
- Gain feedback from the market of how they could deliver this package of research over the next one to three years.
- Identify market barriers and ways the Department can support the market to overcome barriers.

This event will take place at 14:00-15:25pm on Wednesday 11th August via Microsoft Teams. All organisations wishing to attend the event and/or a follow up one to one session should book a place via this email address:

CIN.evidenceandpractice@education.gov.uk by 5pm on Friday 6th August with the following information:

- name of your organisation
- name of attendees (maximum two)
- contact details

If you would like to book a one to one session, please state this in your email when you register for the event.

The Department is interested in research organisations that have significant expertise and experience. We are open to different commercial arrangements, including consortia and partnerships, to undertake this breadth of research. Ideally, the research organisation(s) would have a strong track record in:

- Delivery of interventions to create new evidence preferably within the children's social care and/or education sectors
- Knowledge of a range of different methodologies, both qualitative and quantitative, to conduct research that can be used by social workers, leaders in the sector and the Department to support children and their families.
- Expertise in using evidence to facilitate and influence changes in professional practice in the children's social care and education sector.

We encourage organisations of any size with the necessary expertise to come to our event.

We anticipate that any successful provider(s) may start to deliver in April 2022 and that delivery could be from one to three years.

The Department will be undertaking further market engagement once priority areas for future research are more firmed up.

II.2.14) Additional information

Copies of the presentation, a summary of questions and answers from the session and any other additional documents will be made available on Contracts Finder after the event. This notice does not constitute a call for competition to procure any services for the Department. The procurement of any services will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 April 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

