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Planning

A children and young people's advisory board to support the work of the Department for Education reform programme to transform children's social care.

Department for Education

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region 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

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

A children and young people's advisory board to support the work of the Department for Education reform programme to transform children's social care.

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This PIN is for market engagement only. It does not signify the commencement of any procurement process and does not constitute any commitment by the Department for Education. If the Department for Education decides to commence any procurement process as contemplated by this notice, a separate notice will be published at the relevant time. The requirements and values set out below may be subject to change.

The Government's strategy for transforming children's social care – Stable Homes, Built on Love, was published on 2 February 2023 alongside a consultation on its proposals which closed on 11 May 2023. As part of this strategy, we are committed to ensuring children and young people's voices are heard and fed into policy thinking and delivery as it develops.

Alongside publishing the strategy, we publicly committed to creating an advisory board of young advisors from whom ministers and policy officials can seek input and steers on next steps in delivering on the strategy. We are committed to ensuring the board has a meaningful and genuine impact, with a clear feedback loop to demonstrate where advice has been considered and acted upon. We also want the board to have access to decision makers who can hear their views first hand and to make it a development opportunity for the children and young people involved, as well as it informing our work.

To effectively establish a children and young people's advisory board, we are looking to partner with an organisation who specialises in participation and who can work closely with us to lead on the following elements (please note this list is not exhaustive):

- Establish the children and young people's advisory board, including recruitment, management of any expenses and remuneration for the board's time as well as appropriately safeguarding children and young people throughout the recruitment process and their time on the advisory board.
- Facilitate the board meetings in a way that encourages children and young people to take a lead role in chairing and presenting items for discussion (where appropriate) and to provide coaching for the board on how to operate in a professional context.
- Provide all necessary pastoral support to the children and young people on the board before and after meetings and be a point of contact between meetings.
- Create, host and manage an online presence for the board which showcases their work and impact.
- Work collaboratively with the team leading this work at DfE most especially to define topics for the board to discuss and to ensure the need for input prior to policy and delivery deadlines are met.

We will hold an initial market engagement session to talk about the service requirements and seek feedback from the sector in w/c 26 June.

Following this initial market engagement session, we will offer 30-minute 1-2-1 meetings w/c 10 July.

A question and answer log will be circulated after all sessions have taken place via the

commercial Jaggaer system.

To confirm your interest in attending the initial event, please email the team at CSCStrategy2023.CONULTATION@education.gov.uk

Estimated Contract Duration: 18 months from September 2023 to February 2025 + 1 year optional extension).

Estimated Contract Value: £100k - £200k

Information about lots: n/a

Place of performance: UK

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

We currently have contracts with two organisations to support us to engage children and young people in policy development and delivery in place until April 2024. This board is designed to provide a longer term opportunity for children and young people to engage in policy development and delivery of DfE's strategy to transform children's social care.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

17 July 2023

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