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## **Provision of services relating to the Development of a Child Abuse Questionnaire and Safeguarding Procedure**

Office for National Statistics

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

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

Office for National Statistics

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##### **Email**

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##### **Country**

United Kingdom

##### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

##### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.ons.gov.uk](http://www.ons.gov.uk)

### **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**

Other activity

Production of National Statistics

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Provision of services relating to the Development of a Child Abuse Questionnaire and Safeguarding Procedure

Reference number

PU-23-0084

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79311000 - Survey services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 79311100 - Survey design services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/articles/exploringthefeasibilityofasurveymeasuringchildabuseintheuk/january2021>

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<https://consultations.ons.gov.uk/external-affairs/child-abuse-survey-consultation/>

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

1 September 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: No

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) envisage conducting a 1 stage procurement for this requirement. Further details will follow in the contract notice, however, suppliers will need to register on the e-tendering portal here: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/ons/aspx/Home> to participate in the future procurement. Please register on ONS's e-tendering portal - <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/ons/aspx/Home>. At this time ONS are looking to engage with prospective suppliers to gauge the level of expertise/previous experience in questionnaire development in this sensitive area. This engagement will be used to help ONS build and structure the statement of requirements to be used for the procurement. You will then be able to 'express an interest' in this project (search for the appropriate tender - Development of a child abuse questionnaire and safeguarding procedure under 'Current Tenders'). When you have expressed an interest, please send correspondence indicating if you can meet the essential criteria outlined below, to allow ONS to have an understanding of what your company can offer. We will then schedule follow-up one-to-one sessions where we can discuss further. Essential criteria \*Expertise/previous experience in this sensitive topic area or connections with those that do

\*Expertise/previous experience in survey and questionnaire development and testing