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## **Request for Information - School Counselling Services Framework Agreement**

The Highland Council

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-047c31

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.highland.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045)

**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

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

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**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85312320 - Counselling services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Highland Council currently provides a school counselling service for children and young people (CYP) over the age of 10 years. The service offers these pupils access to one-to-one, face-to-face sessions within the school environment, with the facility for online sessions when required. Sessions are provided by a fully trained counsellor who is registered with an appropriate governing body and fulfils the competencies for working with children and young people. The service offers 50-minute sessions within a confidential space with a requirement for pre and post counselling assessment based on the Child or young person's perspective.

The current Framework Agreement is due to expire in April 2025. The Council are currently exploring the most effective route to market for the new Framework Agreement and are looking for some input from service providers.

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

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85312320 - Counselling services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

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

See documentation for further information.

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

1 December 2024

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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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Please see attached documentation for further information.

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=772016](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=772016).

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