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Planning

## **CT1168 - Accredited Pathways and Certified Counsellors and Therapists**

City of Edinburgh Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

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

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

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Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00290](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00290)

**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**

CT1168 - Accredited Pathways and Certified Counsellors and Therapists

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

The City of Edinburgh Council is seeking to create a Framework of providers in line with the National Improvement Framework for Education. The vision for education in Edinburgh is to ensure excellence by raising attainment and improving outcomes through Accredited Pathways and Certified Counsellors and Therapists: ensuring that every child and young person achieves the highest standards in literacy and numeracy, as well as the knowledge and skills necessary to shape their future as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens, and effective contributors.

The City of Edinburgh Council will realise this vision by achieving equity: ensuring every child and young person has the same opportunity to succeed, regardless of their background, social circumstances, additional needs or shared protected characteristics, with a particular focus on closing the poverty related attainment gap, and improving mental health and wellbeing.

In order to achieve this, The City of Edinburgh Council will work to reduce the Poverty Related Attainment Gap (PRAG) through a transdisciplinary approach. Delivery of excellence will be achieved via the Edinburgh Imperative, which has four key themes to support reduction of the PRAG: Attendance, Literacy & Numeracy, Pathways, Health and Wellbeing.

Collaboration and relationship building with partner providers is a key theme to support young people's outcomes being at the heart of everything we do. Partner Providers will support schools to provide a service which ensures pupils receive high quality education which meets their needs, delivers improved educational outcomes and avoids exclusion.

The City of Edinburgh Council are encouraging a 'Place Based' approach to services and

supports to families and young people. The intention is to develop comprehensive supports that are within 20minutes of any identified need.

## Background

The City of Edinburgh Council is committed to getting it right for every child. Our priorities include helping children to be active, healthy, and nurtured, improving achievement, and closing any gaps in attainment.

The City of Edinburgh is working alongside Providers to build a Framework which incorporates a range of accredited pathways and certified counselling and therapies, that will be accessible to all children and young people. This will incorporate their learning needs, their interests and aid inclusion.

## Current Engagement

The City of Edinburgh Council purchases services from independent providers to achieve the above vision. An average of 124 different schools use these provisions every year. Edinburgh is committed to ensuring the highest quality service and best value from services which the Council purchases.

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

Value excluding VAT: £32,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Certified Counsellors and Therapists

Lot No

2

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

- 85312320 - Counselling services

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people
- 85312400 - Welfare services not delivered through residential institutions

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

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

throughout the City of Edinburgh.

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

The City of Edinburgh Council is looking to create a local framework to meet these specific needs and is looking to engage providers in addressing this.

We are looking to procure services which:

- Work in flexible and goal-orientated ways to complement the learner's education, in partnership with their school.
- Address barriers to learning which can arise within the school community and as a result of additional support needs.
- Provide evidence of outcomes achieved.
- Enable the voices of learners and their families to shape the support provided and contribute to solutions.
- Work towards Health and Wellbeing experiences and outcomes, linked to the Curriculum for Excellence
- Work with Counsellors and Therapists who are certified with relevant qualifications and membership of Governing bodies

In partnership with the School, the Provider should be able to demonstrate inclusive practice and improved outcomes in an aspect of the Edinburgh Imperatives.

We want our future commissioned services to build on these strengths and to do the following:

- Work in strengths based, solution focussed and restorative manner.
- Demonstrate efficiencies, innovation and added value.
- Contribute to a wider learning culture within the partnership to improve outcomes.
- Provide sustainable best-value approaches.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Accredited Pathways

Lot No

1

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80100000 - Primary education services
- 80110000 - Pre-school education services
- 80200000 - Secondary education services
- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80340000 - Special education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

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across the city of Edinburgh

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- Provide evidence of outcomes achieved.
- Enable the voices of learners and their families to shape the support provided and contribute to solutions.
- Offer accreditation.
- Work towards Health and Wellbeing experiences and outcomes, linked to the Curriculum for Excellence.

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

26 January 2024

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The Council consider this opportunity to be procured under the Light Touch Regime of Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

This is a re-advertisement of the Accredited Pathways Framework Prior Information Notice, Organisations should note interest in this new Prior Information Notice to be kept up to date with the updated requirement and any engagement going forward.

PLEASE NOTE: all information contained within this document may be subject to change. By submitting your interest you are agreeing to further engagement with the Council.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=739813](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=739813).

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