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Pipeline

Independent Specialist Education Provision

Wolverhampton City Council

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Scope

Reference

CWC25011

Description

The Children and Families Act (2014) Section 20 explains that when a child or young person has special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), they need special educational provision made for them. This may be adaptations within a mainstream school setting, or a specialist placement. Identified and recorded in their Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Additionally, The SEND Code of Practice (2015) delivers the legalities contained within the Children and Families Act (2014).

The Code of Practice states that "All children and young people are entitled to an appropriate education, one that is appropriate to their needs, promotes high standards and the fulfilment of potential. This should enable them to achieve their best, become confident individuals living fulfilling lives, and make a successful transition into adulthood, whether into employment, further or higher education or training".

It is the statutory duty of the City of Wolverhampton Council to ensure that all children and

young people with SEND in the City receive the educational placement that upholds this entitlement.

The city of Wolverhampton Council is aiming to compose a framework of suitable independent specialist education providers from which it may allocate placements for children and young people with specialist educational requirements. The service aims to commission a range of Independent Specialist Education Providers which support children and young people with EHCPs to meet their full potential, while promoting choice and delivering best value for money.

Provision under this Framework will be for children and young people between the ages of 5-25 as set out in the SEND Code of Practice.

This Framework will include 4 Lots:

- Lot 1: Primary Phase Independent Specialist Placements - (ages 5-11, National Curriculum Years 1-6)
- Lot 2: Secondary Phase Independent Specialist Placements - (ages 11-16, National Curriculum Years 7-11)
- Lot 3: Post 16 Independent Specialist Placements
- Lot 4: Post 19 Independent Specialist Placements

Children and young people receiving an education within an Independent Specialist Education Provision (ISEP) will have an Educational, Health and Care Plan. As outlined within the plan, their specific SEND need will fall into one or more of the following categories of need as set out in the SEND Code of Practice:

- Cognition and Learning
- Communication and Interaction (Including Autism)
- Social Emotional Mental Health
- Physical and Sensory

To best meet the needs of pupils, each of the 4 Lots will be split further into the above 4 categories.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 January 2026 to 14 January 2031
- Possible extension to 14 January 2033
- 7 years

Main category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 September 2025

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Above or below total value threshold

Above or equal to threshold

Contracting authority

Wolverhampton City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVBV-7568-LBLL

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government