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Pipeline

project_9810 Social Work Induction Programme (SWIP)

Department for Education

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The Social Work Induction Programme (SWIP) will significantly extend the training and support child and family social workers receive in the early stages of their career, helping to equip them with the knowledge and skills they need and retain them in the profession. We plan for the induction support for early career social workers to be extended from one year in the Assessed and Supported Year in Employment (ASYE) to two years in the SWIP. We have developed a new set of Post-Qualifying Standards (PQS) which set out the knowledge and skills new social workers need by the end of their second year in post, they will underpin the training and development within those first two years of the children's social work profession.

Please note, this notice is not being used to signify the commencement of any competitive process and does not constitute any commitment by the Department for Education.

Funding estimates included within the notice are indicative only and are subject to

Spending Review outcomes. The Department makes no commitment at this stage to the final funding envelope for contractual activity.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,000,000 excluding VAT
- £2,400,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Main category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England

- UKJ - South East (England)
 - UKK - South West (England)
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Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

6 October 2025

Procedure

Above or below total value threshold

Above or equal to threshold

Contracting authority

Department for Education

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDZG-3487-DPVD

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