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Planning

Detached Youth Work

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire

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Scope

Reference

NOTTS-000290

Description

A tendering exercise will be advertised and run in line with the Procurement Act 2023. It is envisaged to set up an Open Framework Agreement (Framework) for the provision of a School Navigator Programme and Detached Youth Work. The Framework includes two separate lots:

- Lot 1: School and Community Navigator Programme

The School and Community Navigator Programme is an initiative aimed at providing tailored support to young people within schools and extended to the local community. It is a preventative programme to engage with children who are showing first signs of disengagement from education, through to those considered at risk of exclusion, whether this be behavioural issues within lessons or during the school day, truancy, absenteeism, history of suspension etc.

Navigators will work within both primary and secondary education establishments. There will be a particular focus on identifying and engaging with Year 6 pupils and supporting them with their preparation for secondary school.

- Lot 2: Detached Youth Work

Detached youth work is one way of offering a service to potentially vulnerable and 'at risk' young people which takes place in their own communities. Detached youth work is therefore

delivered on the streets, in areas where there is an identified need with delivery being flexible dependent on the young people.

The overall aim of detached youth work is to make contact with young people and positively influence their lives by engaging them in an exciting and challenging programme of informal social education. This work takes place in places where young people choose to meet, away from traditional youth work venues.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £2,651,247 excluding VAT
- £3,181,497 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2033
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

28 May 2025

Engagement process description

PRE MARKET ENGAGEMENT FOR LOT 1 ONLY

The purpose of the Pre-Market Engagement exercise is to issue prior notice to the market of a future intention to advertise an opportunity which may be of interest to providers.

Only organisations who can meet the minimum requirements required for the Service and are outlined below should submit an Expression of Interest. The purpose of this process is to engage with providers who are positioned to deliver this Service. This is not an opportunity for speculative interest or for organisations who do not meet the baseline capabilities.

Lot 1: School and Community Navigator Programme

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Navigators will work within both primary and secondary education establishments. There will be a particular focus on identifying and engaging with Year 6 pupils and supporting them with their preparation for secondary school.

Requirements for Lot 1: School and Community Navigator Programme are likely to include:

- To deliver social skills informed - 1-2-1 mentoring to children at the point of their first suspension or those identified as at risk of exclusion or disengagement from education, with the aim of helping them to develop self-regulation, relationship skills, conflict resolution, and decision-making abilities.
- To establish a trusted adult space within schools where bespoke support can be provided, including risk assessments and referral to specialised services. A case management system is desirable if access to the school system is not possible, to track delivery of interventions, referral to other organisations/agencies, engagement of the YP and interim and overall outcomes and goals.
- Conduct risk assessments and follow local Safeguarding pathways.
- To work closely with statutory and non-statutory agencies across the City and County to ensure effective referral pathways. Including scoping out and building relationships with local provision to refer children into.
- Activity is Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City based and accessible to residents residing within these areas (specific schools to be confirmed).

Baseline Capabilities for Lot 1

- Youth Work accredited (Level 2 award) or equivalent mentoring qualification.
- Enhanced DBS.
- Evidence of a redacted safeguarding referral form submitted within the last 12-month period.
- Knowledge of localised provision.

- Experience of delivering mentoring within education settings - including reference(s) from an education setting(s).
- Experience of working and engaging with children with vulnerabilities and/or complex needs to support and recognise their individual needs.
- Experience of working and engaging with families of children with vulnerabilities and/or complex needs.
- Case Management System in place or agreement in place to access the school case management system.
- To be able to deliver a trauma aware, culturally competent and gender responsive service.
- Embedding the four tenets of Child First Approach as mentioned above.

How to join

The Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Partnership (NNVRP) invite prospective providers to attend our online Pre-Market Engagement event on 5th June 2025, ahead of an upcoming procurement opportunity. Full event details will be shared closer to the date.

This session will focus specifically on Lot 1 - School Navigator Programme of the future contract and will provide an opportunity for potential providers to review and comment on the proposed service specifications. Attendees will be able to ask questions, share insights, and help shape a clear and deliverable approach for this aspect of the procurement.

We encourage all interested and relevant organisations to join us and contribute to this important discussion

To express interest and participate in this pre-market engagement, please register and apply on both the:

- Central Digital Platform: <https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/organisation/register>
- Atamis e-sourcing portal: <https://nottinghamshirepolice.my.site.com/s>Welcome>

This exercise is the first stage to a formal procurement exercise expected to be advertised

by the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner and will help bidders to prepare for the future tender process. A subsequent tendering exercise will be advertised and run in line with the Procurement Act 2023.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Contracting authority

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire

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