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Planning

National child safeguarding facilitator role (local authority focus)

Department for Education

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Main address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

National child safeguarding facilitator role (local authority focus)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The DfE is recruiting a National Child Safeguarding Facilitator (local authority focus) up to 31 March 2025 to support the department and its stakeholders to strengthen multiagency safeguarding arrangements. The successful candidate will play a key role in delivering the current package of children's social care reforms as set out in Stable Homes, Built on Love. This will include feeding into current child protection governance structures to provide sector expertise, supporting the delivery and implementation of reform such as updates to statutory guidance, and providing bespoke support to local safeguarding arrangements.

Requirement

To be effective in this role, the successful candidate must have knowledge and experience of local authority children's social care practice and improvement, including an understanding of relevant guidance and legislation, such as the Children and Social Work Act 2017. They should be able to apply this knowledge to provide challenge, support, and guidance to multi-agency leaders in local safeguarding arrangements.

Skills

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate in-depth knowledge and experience of safeguarding in a local authority context and of improvement processes. They should be experienced in strategy, governance and leadership, nationally or locally. The role will require specific knowledge and experience of multi-agency safeguarding for children and of working with local safeguarding partnerships. The individual will be expected to work closely with the other national facilitators for health, police and education in supporting and challenging local areas to develop practice.

The DfE plans to run this recruitment through the Educational and Children's Social Care Professionals Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS). More information about how to join the DPS is available here:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/db987548-9c78-4581-ad0b-fabda89bbfec>

Please ensure you add yourself as soon as possible to this DPS if you are interested.

There will be a market engagement session at 1pm on Tuesday 26 September . Please contact hester.carro@education.gov.uk and susie.clarke@education.gov.uk to add yourself to this.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £130,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

22 September 2023

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