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## **Healthy Happy Minds' Pilot to Support Therapeutic & Counselling Services in Primary Schools 2021/22**

Education Authority

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-027751

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02f3d4

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

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

Education Authority

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Healthy Happy Minds' Pilot to Support Therapeutic & Counselling Services in Primary Schools 2021/22

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

- 85312320 - Counselling services
  - DA30 - Counselling

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

Services

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

A framework for Healthy Happy Minds' Pilot to Support Therapeutic & Counselling Services in Primary Schools 2021/22 is being established to allow all primary schools and their students in Northern Ireland access to a range of support services. The range of services expected to be available to each school through the framework includes but is not limited to:

- a. Counselling
- b. Play Therapy
- c. Drama Therapy
- d. Music Therapy
- e. Art Therapy
- f. Equine Assisted Therapy & Learning

Please note that no response is required for this Prior Information Notice (PIN). All communications regarding the release of tender documents will be managed through eTendersNI.

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

Value excluding VAT: £40,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services
- 80100000 - Primary education services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland
- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Northern Ireland

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

This notice is for prior information only and not a call for competition.

The Education Authority (EA) is currently preparing to initiate a procurement process to establish a Framework Agreement for Healthy Happy Minds' Pilot to Support Therapeutic & Counselling Services in Primary Schools 2021/22.

This framework is led by the Northern Ireland Education Authority ("EA") and is open to the EA, including NI educational bodies and at some point, during the life of the Framework these bodies may wish to utilise the agreement and should have access, at any point, with the permission of EA. This agreement is not intended to replace any current agreements that participating or non-participating institutions may already have in place.

It is anticipated that the Contract Notice will be issued 8th November 2021.

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

8 November 2021

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## **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