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Planning

## **Prior information notice - Southwark Council Taxi Framework School transport for children and young people with special educational needs and disability (SEND)**

London Borough of Southwark

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UK144 - Lewisham and Southwark

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.southwark.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.southwark.gov.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

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Reference number

DN580182

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

The provision of a high quality specialist home to school taxi service required for children with special educational needs and disabilities and vulnerable young people up to 25 years old.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKI44 - Lewisham and Southwark

Main site or place of performance

Mainly but not exclusively within the London Borough of Southwark

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

General background of the contracting authority's service requirements:-

- SEND taxi services are required for children with special needs and vulnerable young people up to 25 years old.
- Between 100 and 150 children and young people will be provided with taxi journeys during school term time (38 weeks)

Service users and journeys:-

- Children/young people with SEND (Autism and/or medical etc.),
- Service users across all groups with mobility problems.
- Most journeys for children twice a day, five days per week, but can vary, including some ad hoc.

- Majority within normal working hours – 7.00 am – 5.00 pm.
- Passenger assistant staff required for majority of journeys MUST be well-trained staff, with empathy, understanding and able to carry out the requirements of the role in a supportive way.

Value for Money:-

- SEND taxi services is part of a wide range of travel assistance services – this includes council support/training to help individuals travel independently.
- Expectation that companies on the Framework will price competitively and suggest a 'best value' approach for delivering rounds, for example, suggestions for joining two rounds.

Requirements and key points:-

- This is an important service for our service users, they need to get to school, college, day centre etc on time!
- Taxi services MUST be punctual, fit for purpose.
- Taxi drivers must have sound route knowledge
- We expect prompt and courteous communication with taxi companies on the framework.
- Our aim is to receive good quality taxi services, competitively priced.

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

15 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