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## Peer to Peer Support

Department for Education

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### Section I: Contracting authority

#### I.1) Name and addresses

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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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Peer to Peer Support

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

- 85322000 - Community action programme

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

Services

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

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1. Raise awareness with the market of a potential future procurement process and to enable time for organisations to begin early discussions with the Department and each other as to how they may be able to deliver any future contract.
2. Inform the market that the Department will be undertaking market consultation activity during the coming weeks, to gather information about the supply market; to explore

potential delivery models and associated benefits of those models; and to inform its understanding of the risks and issues relevant to managing transition to, and mobilisation of, any new service arrangements.

This will consist of an event between interested suppliers and the Department. We aim for this event to take place at 11am on 26th October and intend it to be online. If you are interested, please contact [emilie.wilkinson@education.gov.uk](mailto:emilie.wilkinson@education.gov.uk) to arrange an invitation to the event.

The service aligns with the recommendations in the Independent Review of Children's Social Care Case for Change report, which was published in June 2021, calling for kinship care to be "prioritised and supported". Establishing a better infrastructure for peer support groups is one way of responding to this.

- a. Peer groups are a low cost but high impact way of supporting thousands of kinship carers, and research shows that emotional support from kinship carers in similar positions is the most important form of support need after financial support.
- b. We are nearing the end of a 2 year contract aimed at creating and maintaining peer groups and peer support services.
- c. We want to maintain this high-quality peer support across the country, to ensure provision is sustained and continues to be available to those who need it. Therefore, we are seeking a supplier to maintain and deliver the peer support groups
- d. We anticipate the new contract to be 2 years in duration, with the possibility to extend 1+1 years.
- e. We propose for the new contract to go live in March 24, starting with a 3 month handover period with the current supplier.

If you have any questions on the above please contact [Emilie.wilkinson@education.gov.uk](mailto:Emilie.wilkinson@education.gov.uk) or [Alicia.pryce@education.gov.uk](mailto:Alicia.pryce@education.gov.uk)

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85322000 - Community action programme

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

1 April 2024

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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

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**Section VI. Complementary information**
**VI.3) Additional information**

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