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Contract

## **Attendance Mentoring - Pilot Project - Con\_16121**

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0344e7

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

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

Department for Education

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**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**

Attendance Mentoring - Pilot Project - Con\_16121

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

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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

Services

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

The Department for Education (“Department”) awarded a supplier to deliver targeted, responsive, one-to-one support for persistently and severely absent pupils across a number of Education Investment Areas (EIA). The support will start in Middlesbrough, a priority EIA, in the first pilot year before rolling out to an additional four EIAs from the start of year two and continuing in all five areas in year three.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £2,320,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The Department is aiming to pilot an intervention based on the two approaches which EEF judged to have the most evidence of promise, which they called ‘interventions that target the individual causes of low attendance’ and ‘targeted parental approaches’.

Through the initial pilot year, the supplier along with an external evaluator, will be required to combine these approaches into a 'mentoring' model. Mentors will work closely with individual pupils and their families supporting them and working to address any individual barriers to attendance they might face in conjunction with their school, local authority, and other relevant services.

The frequency and duration of the support provided will differ between each pupil depending on their specific circumstances. The successful delivery partner will need to test and refine the approach during this period before expanding to the full trial in years two and three with a more defined intervention and evaluation. After the first year, we will look to build evidence about the efficacy of the approach in different circumstances.

By the end of the three-year programme, we would expect to have achieved the following outcomes:

- Have improved overall attendance levels and engagement with education for all pupils who are participating.
- Developed our understanding of effective practice and different delivery models when delivering 1-1 support to pupils who are persistent or severely absent.
- Improved the evidence base about how best to support individual pupils to regularly attend school through a rigorous evaluation of this intervention, that helps us understand the value for money, and helps schools, trusts and LAs make evidence informed decisions.
- Tested this intervention on a cohort of pupils with severe and persistent absence to understand what works for the children with the greatest level of need.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-015938](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

16121

### Title

Attendance Mentoring - Pilot Project

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 October 2022

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Barnardo's

Ilford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,320,000

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

The High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom