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Awarded contract

Attendance Mentoring - Pilot Project - Con_16121

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

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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

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

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

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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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom