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Tender

HOPE Counselling Service for Belfast A B and C

Education Authority

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Scope

Reference

EDR 25-008

Description

Provision of the Holistic Options for Promoting REsilience (HOPE) Independent School Counselling and Therapy Service in Post Primary Mainstream schools in three geographical locations across Belfast for a period of 2 years with the options to extend for any further period(s) of up to and including 24 months

Total value (estimated)

- £2,000,000 excluding VAT

- £2,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2027
- Possible extension to 31 August 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend for any periods up to and including 24 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services
- 85312320 - Counselling services
- 85312310 - Guidance services

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Suppliers may bid for any or all areas. If a Supplier bids for more than one area, their bid for each area will be evaluated and scored as a separate bid.

Each area will be awarded to one Supplier on a sole supplier basis. Each area will be awarded to the highest scoring supplier who has bid for that area.

Lot Belfast A. Belfast A

Description

Belfast A covers the following schools within the geographical area

Aquinas Grammar School, Belfast

Ashfield Boys' High School, Belfast

Ashfield Girls' High School, Belfast

Bloomfield Collegiate School, Belfast

Campbell College, Belfast

Dundonald High School, Dundonald

Grosvenor Grammar School, Belfast

Our Lady & St Patrick's College, Belfast

St Joseph's College, Belfast

Strathearn School, Belfast

Lot value (estimated)

- £685,000 excluding VAT
- £822,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Lot Belfast B. Belfast B

Description

Belfast B covers the following schools within the geographical area

Belfast Boys' Model School, Belfast

Belfast Model School for Girls, Belfast

Belfast Royal Academy, Belfast

Blessed Trinity College, Belfast

Dominican College, Fortwilliam, Belfast

Mercy College, Belfast

St Malachy's College, Belfast

The Royal Belfast Academical Institution, Belfast

Lot value (estimated)

- £693,000 excluding VAT
- £831,600 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot Belfast C. Belfast C

Description

Belfast C covers the following schools within the geographical area

All Saints College, Belfast

Colaiste Feirste, Belfast

De La Salle College, Belfast

St Colm's High School, Dunmurry

St Dominic's High School, Belfast

St Genevieve's High School, Belfast

St Louise's Comprehensive College, Belfast

St Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School, Belfast

Lot value (estimated)

- £622,000 excluding VAT
- £746,400 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot Belfast A. Belfast A

Lot Belfast B. Belfast B

Lot Belfast C. Belfast C

Suppliers must have a minimum of 2 years' experience of managing the delivery of a counselling service to children and young people under the age of 18. Suppliers should provide TWO example[s] of providing services of a similar scale and scope as outlined in the specification within the last 3 years.

Particular suitability

Lot Belfast A. Belfast A

Lot Belfast B. Belfast B

Lot Belfast C. Belfast C

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

27 June 2025, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

2 July 2025, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

www.etendersni.gov.uk

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

14 July 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
AC6 Total cost of Area	Price	30%
AC1 Service Implementation PPlan	Quality	20%
AC2 Service Delivery PPlan	Quality	20%
AC3 Delivery of Group Sessions	Quality	10%
AC4 Safety Planning	Quality	10%
AC5 Social Value Delivery Plan	Quality	10%

Other information**Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Education Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHJ-6982-JPXY

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland