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Planning

PIN - Children's Advocacy Services

Scottish Borders Council

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM91 - Scottish Borders

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00394

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

PIN - Children's Advocacy Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of a Children and Young People's Independent Advocacy Service

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £330,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM91 - Scottish Borders

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council wishes to engage a Service Provider to fulfil an independent advocacy service for children and young people in the Scottish Borders. The service will help ensure that the voices of children and young people are at the heart of decision making and their rights under article 12 of the UNCRC are respected. The service will help ensure that children and young people feel respected, included, listened to, and understood.

The advocacy service will be available for children and young people from the age of five to eighteen:

-whose right to independent advocacy is covered by statute,

-who are in receipt of social, education and/or healthcare services provided by the partnership,

-and any vulnerable child or young person whether or not they are in receipt of health, education or social care services.

Support may also be required in some instances for infants and children from birth (0 years) to five (5) years, and individual(s) up to the age of twenty-six (26) years of age who are eligible for continuing care. We also require that the Service Provider will be a key stakeholder in driving Scottish Borders' Corporate Parenting and integrated children's services plan agenda. This may include, for example, helping to facilitate work with partners to deliver the Corporate Parenting and integrated services children's Plan.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

15 August 2025

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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Interested parties are asked to complete the questionnaire attached to this PIN and return to procurement@scotborders.gov.uk by the close of play 25/07/2025.

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