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Planning

Framework Agreement for Independent and Alternative Education support for Children and Young People in Devon

Devon County Council

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Scope

Reference

CP2491-24

Description

Devon County Council will be setting up a framework for Independent and Alternative Education Support for Children and Young People in Devon with the following Lots:

Lot 1a - Pre-16 Education Placements for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) with independent schools, independent special schools or non-maintained special schools.

Lot 1b - Post-16 Education Placements for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and an Education, Health and Care Plan

(EHCP) with independent post-16 settings and independent special post-16 settings schools and colleges.

Lot 2a - Bespoke packages of Alternative Education Provision support which form part of an education other than at school (EOTAS) which has been named within a child or young person's statutory Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Lot 2b - Bespoke packages of Alternative Education Provision support to enable children and young people to reintegrate to their school or move onto another education setting.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £340,000,000 excluding VAT
- £408,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 January 2026 to 29 January 2031
- Possible extension to 29 January 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKK - South West (England)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

3 July 2025

Engagement process description

Devon County Council would like to invite providers to attend upcoming online events via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 3rd July 2025. There will be two events with the purpose of both events being:

- To provide an update on the current position and timeline for the tender process
- To share outcomes of our engagement and how this has helped us shape the future approach
- To discuss our Information Security Questionnaire with the market

Event 1 - The future commissioning of bespoke education placements within the independent sector for children and young people with Education, Health and Care Plans, with Devon County Council. To be held on Thursday 3rd July 2025 from 11am to 1pm

This event is intended for the the following settings (including Section 41 approved and non-Section 41 approved providers):

- Independent schools
- Independent special schools
- Non maintained special schools
- Special independent post-16 provision

Event 2 - The future commissioning of alternative education provision services with Devon County Council. To be held on Thursday 3rd July 2025 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm

This event is intended for providers who are currently delivering or who are intending to deliver alternative education support services to children and young people in Devon for the Council.

To book for either event please complete the following Microsoft Forms booking form <https://forms.office.com/e/CCr6fSS4kZ>. You will then be sent a booking confirmation email with links and any other information you may need.

Please note these events are not for discussion of any current operational issues or queries that providers may have, These queries should be directed to the applicable team member with Devon County Council Operations.

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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