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Planning

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)

West Berkshire Council

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The SENDIAS Service (SENDIASS) provides impartial Information, Advice and Support Services on the full range of education, health and social care as defined in the SEND Code of Practice

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25>) to the following Service Users –

(a) children and young people aged 0 years to 25 years of age (inclusive) with (or who may have) a Special Education Need and/or a Disability (“SEND”); and

(b) their parents, carers and families.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 1 August 2028
- Possible extension to 1 August 2030
- 4 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

17 July 2025

Engagement process description

West Berkshire Council is reviewing its Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support (SENDIAS) offer and is undertaking early market engagement. We are holding a one-hour online market engagement event, to explore future delivery options.

A virtual meeting will be held via Teams on Wednesday 16th July 2025 between 2:00pm–3:00pm.

The session will include a short presentation outlining our current model, challenges, and ambitions, followed by themed discussions on service delivery, digital innovation, impartiality, and outcomes.

This will be followed by an opportunity for potential bidders to share thoughts and feedback, identify barriers to bidding, and help shape our approach to commissioning or redesign.

Please confirm your attendance to kiki.hurford1@westberks.gov.uk, who will then issue the link to the virtual meeting on 15th July 2025.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

14 November 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

West Berkshire Council

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