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## **Pre Market Engagement for Framework for Independent Counselling Services for Schools**

the Education Authority

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0426b1

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

the Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Email**

[educationresource.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:educationresource.procure@eani.org.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Pre Market Engagement for Framework for Independent Counselling Services for Schools

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Education Authority Northern Ireland (EANI) is currently preparing to initiate a procurement process to award a Framework Agreement for an Independent Counselling Service for schools/educational establishments across Northern Ireland. EANI wishes to engage with the market at this stage to establish the level of market interest and to gather

information that will be beneficial in the tendering process. Suppliers who wish to participate in the market engagement exercise should complete the pre-market engagement questionnaire. Further information including the questionnaire can be downloaded from CfT Documents. The questionnaire must be completed and returned via the Messaging function no later than 3pm on Friday 19th January 2024. There are no formal tender documents to be completed other than the questionnaire. Any information gathered will NOT be considered in any future tender evaluation exercise. Participation or non-participation in this pre-procurement market engagement shall not prevent any supplier/provider participating in a potential procurement process nor is it intended that any information supplied shall place any supplier/provider at an advantage in any forthcoming procurement process. For the avoidance of doubt, this stage of the project is not part of a formal procurement process and there is no commitment, at this stage to carrying out such a process

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

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

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The primary purpose of this preliminary market engagement exercise is for the Education Authority (EA) to explain, and seek supplier views and feedback on, potential approaches for Independent Counselling Services for post primary aged pupils in mainstream, special and EOTAS educational settings.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 March 2024

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## **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: Yes