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## **Local Authority Children's Services Corporate Political Leadership & Development**

Department for Education

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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

Local Authority Children's Services Corporate Political Leadership & Development

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

This PIN is for market engagement only. It does not signify the commencement of any procurement process and does not constitute any commitment by the Department for Education. If the Department for Education decides to commence any procurement process as contemplated by this notice, a separate notice will be published at the relevant time. The requirements and values set out below may be subject to change.

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development programme for political and corporate leaders of Local Authority Children's Services.

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- Service demand;
- Workforce capacity and capability challenges;
- Funding pressures
- Leadership churn.

This contract aims to upskill political and corporate leaders of children's services to drive improvement in CSC and SEND LA performance through universal, targeted and intensive support offers. The programme supports Lead Members, council leaders, Chief Executives and other senior LA leaders to fulfil their statutory roles, build their understanding of CSC and SEND, and equip leaders with the skills to scrutinise performance and deliver improvements to CSC and SEND services.

The total value of this contract is anticipated to be £5,700,000.

We anticipate a 2 year contract, with possible 1 year extension, commencing in or after April 2025.

You can find the SSQ\_522 by registering on Jaggaer e-procurement portal.

To register for the event, you will need to be registered as a supplier on the DfE Jaggaer eTendering portal, available at <https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

Once registered the event will be accessible via the 'View Opportunities' link on the Homepage. Select the Opportunity Notice for 'Advocacy Helpline and 'Safety Net' Service Supplier Engagement Event' (SSQ 324) and this will take you directly to the registration page.

The closing date for registering your interest of the market engagement event is 12:00

noon GMT on the 22nd November 2022.

Please use the Jaggaer e-procurement system <https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html> to submit any questions you may have about the tendering procedure.

Department for education eSourcing Portal

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,700,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80510000 - Specialist training services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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

22 November 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