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Planning

Soft Market Testing - Provision of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Education for Ukrainian Guests on Ukraine Visa Schemes

Nottinghamshire County Council

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Scope

Reference

DN781401

Description

The Council is undertaking a soft market testing exercise and is asking organisations to submit comments & ideas to support and shape the development of the ESOL Education offer to Ukrainian guests on Ukraine visa schemes.

We have included some questions that can be accessed via www.eastmidstenders.org and should be completed on the response form and returned to us by 12 noon on Thursday, 31st July 2025. The information and insight we obtain from this will then support the development of a tendering exercise later in the year.

Neither the intentions nor the purpose of this soft market testing exercise is to confer any advantage upon its participants in any future procurement process.

This document and associated information are not a call for tenders and tender responses but may support in the development of any future tender information.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80580000 - Provision of language courses

Contract locations

- UKF15 - North Nottinghamshire
- UKF16 - South Nottinghamshire

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 July 2025

Engagement process description

The Council is undertaking a soft market testing exercise (see link) and is asking organisations to submit comments & ideas to support and shape the development of the ESOL Education offer to Ukrainian guests on Ukraine visa schemes.

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=3766428d-3b5b-f011-813a-005056b64545&p=527b4bbd-5c58-e511-80ef-000c29c9ba21>

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Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 September 2025

Contracting authority

Nottinghamshire County Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government