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## **Family Group Conferencing Market Work**

Department for Education

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

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

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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

Family Group Conferencing Market Work

Reference number

Proj\_9565

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Education is seeking early market engagement on training provision and capacity for facilitators of family group decision making (FGDM) meetings. A widely used model of this is Family Group Conferencing (FGC).

We are developing policy which seeks to legislate to mandate local authorities to offer FGDM meetings to all families at the pre-proceedings stage (i.e. families with cases on the edge of care). This will support the Department's objectives of keeping children safe and helping families thrive, with the support of family networks.

The Department plans to run a market engagement process over the next two months, to give potential suppliers insight into the future development of this policy.

As part of this process, we are interested in gathering insight from suppliers and organisations of all sizes in the following areas:

Providers of training for staff involved in FGDM meetings (including but not limited to the specific FGC model).

We will use a number of different routes to gather feedback and insight, including questionnaires and in-depth sessions.

A Pre Market Engagement event will be held on Thursday 12 December 2024, 14.00-15.00, which will provide further information on the structure of the market

engagement process, the information the Department would like to gather and the opportunities suppliers will have to offer feedback and insight.

For suppliers interested in attending this initial on line Pre Market Engagement event, please indicate your interest via the email address available here by midday 11th December. A MS teams invite will be forwarded to you prior to the online event.

Subject: Family Group Decision Making Pre Market Engagement Event

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#### **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
- 80500000 - Training services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

30 April 2025

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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