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PROVISION OF YOUTH WORK SERVICES

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire

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Scope

Reference

NOTTS-000290

Description

This procurement aims to establish an Open Framework Agreement valued at £2.6 million over eight years to deliver targeted youth work services across Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County. Spearheaded by the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Partnership (NNVRP), its primary objective is to reduce serious violence by addressing risk factors among children and young people (CYP) through early intervention. The services will focus on improving mental health, educational engagement, and community resilience, aligning with a public health approach to violence reduction.

The framework comprises four distinct lots with specific requirements. Lots 1 and 2 cover Detached Youth Work in community hotspots (City and County respectively), requiring

teams to deliver weekly sessions. Lots 3 and 4 involve School and Community Navigator Programmes (City and County), providing one-to-one mentoring for 10-17-year-olds at risk of school exclusion, with each young person receiving 8-20 tailored sessions across designated schools. All staff must hold enhanced DBS checks, and each team or service must include at least one practitioner qualified to JNC Level 2 Youth Work standard or equivalent. Services must adopt trauma-informed, Child First, and gender-responsive approaches, integrating the Signs of Safety framework.

Services commence on 1 October 2025, supported by a £1,000 per lot setup fee for mobilisation. Ongoing requirements include weekly monitoring of outputs (e.g., sessions delivered, safeguarding referrals, CYP engagement) and outcomes (e.g., improved school attendance), submission of anonymised case studies, and active collaboration with schools, police, and local authorities.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,651,247 excluding VAT
- £3,181,497 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2033
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

Contract locations

- UKF1 - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

This procurement establishes an Open Framework Agreement for Youth Work Services across Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County, divided into four lots with budget caps:

Lot 1 (Detached Youth Work - City): £46,000 for 6 months. Deliver 3 weekly sessions via teams of 3 qualified workers (min. JNC Level 2/equivalent). Sessions include 2 hours engagement + 1.5 hours prep/debrief/travel in hotspot areas, adapting to emerging needs.

Lot 2 (Detached Youth Work - County - Ashfield/Mansfield): £48,000 for 6 months. Identical to Lot 1, but with 2 hours prep/debrief/travel per session.

Lot 3 (School & Community Navigators - City): £45,000 for 6 months. Provide 1:1 trauma-informed mentoring (8-20 sessions/child) for 10-17-year-olds at risk of exclusion.

Lot 4 (School & Community Navigators - County): £53,000 for 6 months. Identical to Lot 3 for Ashfield/Mansfield.

All services must:

Employ staff with enhanced DBS checks; at least one per team/service holds JNC Level 2 Youth Work (or equivalent).

Adopt trauma-informed, Child First, Signs of Safety, and gender-responsive approaches.

Report weekly outputs (sessions, engagements, safeguarding referrals) and outcomes (e.g., improved school attendance, reduced offending).

Be delivered flexibly: Detached work during evenings/weekends; Navigators in/out of school hours.

Contract to commence on 1st October 2025 (supported by a £1,000/site setup fee).

Lot 1. Detached Youth Work (City)

Description

Detached youth work is an outreach service engaging at-risk young people in their own communities—typically streets, parks, or gathering spots—rather than traditional venues. Teams of three qualified youth workers proactively approach groups, building voluntary, trusting relationships through informal education. Sessions focus on conflict de-escalation, promoting non-violent alternatives, and addressing issues like discrimination, mental health, and exploitation. Workers advocate for youth, facilitate access to support services, report environmental hazards (e.g., poor lighting), and collaborate with police/local agencies. The approach aims to divert youth from violence while fostering resilience and community cohesion, as defined in the tender's specifications. For this particular Lot the services will be delivered within Nottingham City.

Lot value (estimated)

- £662,812 excluding VAT
- £795,374 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Detached Youth Work (County)

Description

Detached youth work is an outreach service engaging at-risk young people in their own communities-typically streets, parks, or gathering spots-rather than traditional venues. Teams of three qualified youth workers proactively approach groups, building voluntary, trusting relationships through informal education. Sessions focus on conflict de-escalation, promoting non-violent alternatives, and addressing issues like discrimination, mental health, and exploitation. Workers advocate for youth, facilitate access to support services, report environmental hazards (e.g., poor lighting), and collaborate with police/local agencies. The approach aims to divert youth from violence while fostering resilience and community cohesion, as defined in the tender's specifications. For this Lot the services will be delivered within the Nottinghamshire region.

Lot value (estimated)

- £662,812 excluding VAT
- £795,374 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 3. School and Community Navigator Programme (City)

Description

School and Community Navigator Work involves trained practitioners embedded in schools to support children and young people (CYP) aged 10-17 at risk of exclusion or disengagement. Navigators provide 1:1 trauma-informed mentoring, addressing issues like behavioural challenges. They collaborate with school pastoral teams to create tailored support plans, facilitate access to external services (e.g., mental health or substance misuse programs), and extend outreach to families/communities when needed. The role focuses on early intervention-improving school attendance, reducing violent behaviour, and fostering resilience-using evidence-based approaches aligned with the Youth Endowment Fund's recommendations for mentoring and social skills development. For this particular Lot the service will be delivered within Nottingham City .

Lot value (estimated)

- £662,812 excluding VAT
- £795,374 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 4. School and Community Navigator Programme (County - Ashfield + Mansfield)

Description

School and Community Navigator Work involves trained practitioners embedded in schools to support children and young people (CYP) aged 10-17 at risk of exclusion or disengagement. Navigators provide 1:1 trauma-informed mentoring, addressing issues

like behavioural challenges, truancy, and family dynamics. They collaborate with school pastoral teams to create tailored support plans, facilitate access to external services (e.g., mental health or substance misuse programs), and extend outreach to families/communities when needed. The role focuses on early intervention-improving school attendance, reducing violent behaviour, and fostering resilience-using evidence-based approaches aligned with the Youth Endowment Fund's recommendations for mentoring and social skills development. or this particular Lot the service will be delivered within the Nottinghamshire region.

Lot value (estimated)

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Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

30 September 2033

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

This Open Framework Agreement operates by appointing multiple providers through a competitive tender process. For the initial call-off contracts, the top two highest-scoring bidders for Lot 1&2 and the top scoring bidder for Lot 3&4 will be awarded the contract based on evaluation criteria: 85% quality and 15% price (lowest bid scores highest within strict lot budgets). Prices are fixed per lot (e.g., £23,000 per provider for Lot 1), and bids exceeding these caps are excluded. If the top bidder declines, the contract cascades to the next highest scorer. The framework remains open for 8 years, allowing future call-offs via direct award to appointed providers or further mini-competitions.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Nottinghamshire County Council

Nottingham City Council

Contracting authority location restrictions

- UKF14 - Nottingham
- UKF15 - North Nottinghamshire
- UKF16 - South Nottinghamshire

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Lot 1. Detached Youth Work (City)

Lot 2. Detached Youth Work (County)

Lot 3. School and Community Navigator Programme (City)

Lot 4. School and Community Navigator Programme (County - Ashfield + Mansfield)

Legal requirement : comply with UK law in delivering the contract

Insurance cover to include : employer's liabilities, public liability, professional indemnity insurance.

Financial capabilities : Audited accounts, financial statements or alternative means to demonstrate financial status

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot 1. Detached Youth Work (City)

Lot 2. Detached Youth Work (County)

Lot 3. School and Community Navigator Programme (City)

Lot 4. School and Community Navigator Programme (County - Ashfield + Mansfield)

JNC Level 2 Youth Work standard or equivalent

Staff must hold enhanced DBS checks

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Detached Youth Work (City)

Lot 2. Detached Youth Work (County)

Lot 3. School and Community Navigator Programme (City)

Lot 4. School and Community Navigator Programme (County - Ashfield + Mansfield)

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

13 August 2025, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

18 August 2025, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://nottinghamshirepolice.my.salesforce-sites.com/?searchtype=Projects>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

29 August 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Lot Specific Quality Questions	Quality	85%
Price	Price	15%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

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