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Contract

Holistic Options for Promoting REsilience (HOPE) Independent School Counselling and Therapy Service - Belfast Areas A B and C

The Education Authority NI

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Scope

Reference

EDR-25-008

Description

Provision of the Holistic Options for Promoting REsilience (HOPE) Independent School

Counselling and Therapy Service in Post Primary Mainstream schools in three geographical

locations across Belfast for a period of 2 years with the options to extend for any further period(s) of up to and including 24 months.

Lot Belfast B. Belfast B

Description

Belfast B covers the following schools within the geographical area

Belfast Boys' Model School, Belfast

Belfast Model School for Girls, Belfast

Belfast Royal Academy, Belfast

Blessed Trinity College, Belfast

Dominican College, Fortwilliam, Belfast

Mercy College, Belfast

St Malachy's College, Belfast

The Royal Belfast Academical Institution, Belfast

Lot Belfast A. Belfast A

Description

Belfast A covers the following schools within the geographical area

Aquinas Grammar School, Belfast

Ashfield Boys' High School, Belfast

Ashfield Girls' High School, Belfast

Bloomfield Collegiate School, Belfast

Campbell College, Belfast

Dundonald High School, Dundonald

Grosvenor Grammar School, Belfast

Our Lady & St Patrick's College, Belfast

St Joseph's College, Belfast

Strathearn School, Belfast

Lot Belfast C. Belfast C

Description

Belfast C covers the following schools within the geographical area

All Saints College, Belfast

Colaiste Feirste, Belfast

De La Salle College, Belfast

St Colm's High School, Dunmurry

St Dominic's High School, Belfast

St Genevieve's High School, Belfast

St Louise's Comprehensive College, Belfast

St Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School, Belfast

Contract 1. HOPE Counselling Service Belfast A

Lots

Lot Belfast A. Belfast A

Supplier

- [Make A Melody Ltd](#)

Contract value

- £700,000 excluding VAT
- £840,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

29 July 2025

Contract dates

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2027
- Possible extension to 31 August 2029

- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend for any periods up to and including 24 months. Prior to entering into any extension to this contract the Education Authority will assess the following:

The availability of adequate funding for the service.

Changes/increase in need in relation to the service and scope of the existing contract.

If the contract is continuing to deliver value for money.

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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This service is funded by the Department of Education whereby counselling sessions are allocated to schools, based on their pupil enrolment figures. A breakdown of allocated sessions for each school is provided in the Tender documentaion. Spend will be closely monitored throughout the lifecycle of this Contract and should there be an indication that requirements and spend is likely to exceed the maximum awarded value the Buyer may, at its

discretion and subject to the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023, either adjust the maximum value or terminate the Contract in line with condition 14.3 of the Mid-Tier Core

Terms.

CPV classifications

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services
- 85312320 - Counselling services
- 85312310 - Guidance services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland
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Contract 2. HOPE Counselling Service Belfast B

Lots

Lot Belfast B. Belfast B

Supplier

- [Make A Melody Ltd](#)

Contract value

- £690,000 excluding VAT
- £828,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

29 July 2025

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CPV classifications

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- 85312320 - Counselling services

- 85312310 - Guidance services
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Contract 3. HOPE Counselling Service - Belfast C

Lots

Lot Belfast C. Belfast C

Supplier

- [Make A Melody Ltd](#)

Contract value

- £610,000 excluding VAT
- £732,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

29 July 2025

Contract dates

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2027
- Possible extension to 31 August 2029
- 4 years

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Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. HOPE Counselling Service Belfast A

Contract 2. HOPE Counselling Service Belfast B

Contract 3. HOPE Counselling Service - Belfast C

Contracting authority

The Education Authority NI

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland