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Award

## **Non-Statutory Specialist Pre-School Provision (NSP) for Children with Complex Needs and Severe Learning Difficulties**

the Education Authority

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

EDR-25-006

### **Description**

The purpose of this Contract(s) is for the provision of Non-Statutory Specialist Pre-School Provision (NSP) for Children with Complex Needs and Severe Learning Difficulties for a period of 12 months with the option to extend for period(s) of up to and including 24 months. Value is estimated at £1,666,666 excluding VAT (£2,000,000 including VAT).

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## **Contract 1. Non-Statutory Specialist Pre-School Provision (NSP) for Children with Complex Needs and Severe Learning Difficulties**

### **Suppliers (5)**

- Kids Together Belfast
- Royal Mencap Society (Mencap NI)
- SEN Space Care and Respite Services CIC
- Sensations Nest LTD
- Sólás

### **Contract value**

- £1,666,666 excluding VAT
- £2,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

4 August 2025

### **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

4 August 2025

### **Standstill period**

- End: 14 August 2025

- 8 working days

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

15 August 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2026
- Possible extension to 31 August 2028
- 3 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.

The right to additional purchases while the contract is operational is valid.

Optional additional purchases may be made under this contract, subject to the availability of budget and provided such purchases are consistent with the scope and intended purpose of the contract, and represent value for money in line with procurement regulations.

### **CPV classifications**

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services
- 80490000 - Operation of an educational centre

### **Contract locations**

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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## **Information about tenders**

- 5 tenders received
- 5 tenders assessed in the final stage:
  - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 5 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 5 suppliers awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## **Procedure**

## Procedure type

Open procedure

## Special regime

Light touch

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## Suppliers

### Kids Together Belfast

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGQL-7587-JJQH

134 Stewartstown Road

Belfast

BT11 9JQ

United Kingdom

Email: [pamela.hughes@kidstogetherbelfast.org](mailto:pamela.hughes@kidstogetherbelfast.org)

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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### **Royal Mencap Society (Mencap NI)**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYNM-5818-WZDN

5 School Road

Newtownbreda, Belfast

BT8 6BT

United Kingdom

Email: [pauline.spence@mencap.org.uk](mailto:pauline.spence@mencap.org.uk)

Region: UKN0E - Lisburn and Castlereagh

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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### **SEN Space Care and Respite Services CIC**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXDG-1719-ZMZN

4 Thornhill Road

Dunmurry Belfast

BT179EJ

United Kingdom

Email: [info@senspace.org.uk](mailto:info@senspace.org.uk)

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **Sensations Nest LTD**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCZB-9116-PJYV

1 Clontonacally Road

Belfast

BT8 8AG

United Kingdom

Email: [clare@sensationsni.co.uk](mailto:clare@sensationsni.co.uk)

Region: UKN0E - Lisburn and Castlereagh

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **Sólás**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXLH-6963-CWXJ

Parkmore Building 284A Ormeau Road

Belfast

BT7 2GB

United Kingdom

Email: [joan@solasbt7.com](mailto:joan@solasbt7.com)

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## Contracting authority

### the Education Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHJ-6982-JPXY

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

United Kingdom

Email: [procurementcompliance@eani.org.uk](mailto:procurementcompliance@eani.org.uk)

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland