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Open Framework for Alternative Provision

Westmorland and Furness Council

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

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Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Open Framework for Alternative Provision

Reference number

DN783408

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Westmorland and Furness Council are undertaking a procurement exercise to establish a Light Touch - Open Framework of suppliers for Alternative Provision. The Services will support the delivery of Alternative Education Provision requirements for children in the Westmorland and Furness area.

The framework will align with sections 9 (5) and 49 (1) of the Procurement Act 23 and

support the priorities of the Westmorland and Furness Council Plan.

Council plan | Westmorland and Furness Council).

Service Description

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Lot 1: Alternative Provision where the provider is registered with Ofsted (or an equivalent body). This may include providers who are registered with Ofsted, but the category of their registration does not include learners to whom they are offering alternative provision.

Lot 2: Alternative Provision where the provider is not registered with Ofsted (or an equivalent body)

Lot 3: Alternative Provision for pupils with medical conditions that prevent their attendance at school.

The Framework will be managed with providers being placed on either Provider List A or B. The criteria for being on each list is as follows:

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- List B is for Providers who are unregistered whether applying for Lot 2 and or Lot 3.

Service Vision

1. The vision for the service is to ensure that all children, regardless of circumstance or setting, receive a good education. The service therefore is committed to ensuring all alternative provision commissioned for a child or young person in Westmorland and Furness is of good quality, registered where appropriate, and delivered by high quality staff with suitable training, experience and safeguarding checks.

2. All alternative provision that is commissioned must be suitable to a child or young person's age, ability and aptitude and any special educational needs (SEN) they may have.

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4. Placements into alternative provision will always be made with the child or young person's reintegration back into mainstream education or move onto a sustained post-16 destination in mind.

5. The placement of a child or young person with a Provider is consistent with the efficient use of resources.

In establishment of the Framework, individual services will be procured by further competition or direct award with framework providers in compliance with the call off framework agreement.

Further details are provided in the Framework Agreement Schedule 3 - Call Off Agreement with the tender pack.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2025/S 000-043929](#)

Section VII. Changes

VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

11.1.4

Place of text to be modified

description

Instead of

Text

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