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Tender

Media literacy activities for children and young people in Northern Ireland

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Scope

Reference

C20252458

Description

Ofcom has a requirement for media literacy activities that develop critical thinking about online content for children and young people in Northern Ireland.

As a minimum, the following must be delivered by September 2028:

- Embed critical thinking into delivery of content creation activities with children and young people and their parents in formal or informal education contexts
- We expect any activities or resources to be co-produced with target participants
- Organisations will ensure activities are embedded into existing activities, for example, delivering training, events, support or any other means necessary.

- There is an expectation of stakeholder engagement which will include:
 - o Promoting media literacy activities to relevant community organisations, schools or youth groups
 - o Supporting activities intended to inform policy development, which will be led by Ofcom
 - o Seeking input from expert steering group, which will be led by Ofcom
 - o Working in partnership with any other organisations commissioned by Ofcom in relation to media literacy in Northern Ireland
- Organisations will work with Ofcom's evaluation adviser to produce a theory of change, key evaluation questions and data collection tools following the approach outlined in our evaluation toolkit
- Organisations will be willing to share learnings with Ofcom's Making Sense of Media network

Total value (estimated)

- £175,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 9 October 2025 to 8 October 2026
- Possible extension to 8 October 2028
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

Any contract(s) awarded following the conclusion of the tender process will be for an initial duration of one year. At Ofcom's sole discretion, the contract may be extended for up to two further periods of up to twelve months each. The maximum length of the contract is

therefore three years.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79310000 - Market research services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

29 August 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

8 September 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://ofcom.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

- 1) Experience of delivering relevant media literacy/critical thinking programmes - 20%
- 2) Knowledge of children and young people - 20%
- 3) Delivery methodology - 25%
- 4) Evaluation methodology - 15%
- 5) Price - 20%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

Ofcom

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQQZ-1663-NWMN

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government