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Planning

SCE0043 - Independent Specialist Provision – Education

Leicester City Council

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Scope

Reference

SCE0043

Description

All Local Authorities (LA) have a requirement to ensure that all Children and Young People (CYP) have access to Education Provision. Leicester City Council is committed to finding placements for CYP with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) within Leicester City. The provision is maintained by the Local Authority or Local Academies. At times, the Local Authority does need to source provision from Independent Providers. This transparency notice is to inform about the LA's strategy towards commissioning High Needs placements from Independent Providers from 2026 onwards. This includes processes for Commissioning and Procurement, Funding, and Sufficiency.

Leicester City Council is looking to secure tuition for children with an EHCP (Education Health and Care Plan) between the ages of 5 – 25 for whom a school place is being sought, or an appropriate place is not yet available. Tutors should hold QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) and tuition sessions may take place:

- Face to face in the student's home
- Online
- In a local community centre

Bookings will be for an initial 6 weeks of up to 15 hours per week but may be extended. Sessions should follow the age-appropriate national curriculum syllabus

Value :

- £1,000,000 ex VAT
- £1,200,000 inc VAT

We will be holding a supplier networking event on Friday, 31st of October 2025. Please register your interest to receive a booking form by expressing an interest via the Proactis portal.

Whilst the expression of interest window is open until Friday, 31st of October 2025. The deadline to return the booking form is Thursday, 30th October 2025 @ 14:00.

To express an interest, use the following link: <https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=a8c58e9e-f699-f011-813a-005056b64545>

Total value (estimated)

- £10,000,000 excluding VAT
- £12,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKF21 - Leicester

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 October 2025

Engagement process description

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Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 April 2026

Contracting authority

Leicester City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXRT-5737-VBQD

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