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Planning

CCS061 Alternative Education Provision Framework

Derbyshire County Council

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Scope

Reference

CCS061

Description

The Council is procuring Alternative Provision (AP) services, which may include special educational tuition packages, to meet its statutory duty under the Education Act 1996 to provide suitable full-time education for children of compulsory school age who are unable to attend school due to illness, exclusion, or other circumstances.

Provisions must be tailored to individual needs, with a focus on educational achievement, core subjects, and qualified staff. AP may be delivered through non-maintained special schools, independent providers, further education colleges, or unregistered settings.

This procurement supports the Council's responsibility to ensure high-quality, inclusive

education for vulnerable pupils, including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) or Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs). All commissioned services must meet statutory requirements and quality standards.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKF1 - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

Engagement

Engagement deadline

4 November 2025

Engagement process description

The Council is hosting a Provider Engagement Event via Microsoft Teams on 04 November 2025, from 11:00 to 12:30, to support the upcoming procurement of Alternative Provision (AP) services. The event will provide an overview of the proposed scope and give providers an opportunity to ask questions and express interest.

Registration link:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/094f9dec-70a3-487b-849e-cef5761aa86b@429a8eb3-3210-4e1a-aaa2-6ccde0ddabc5>

Providers interested in attending should register using the link above.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Contracting authority

Derbyshire County Council

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