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Planning

RFI for Delivering best practice training materials to improve the transition from children's services to adult social care (ASC)

Department of Health & Social Care

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Additional information added on competitive tendering procedure under PCR 2015 and PA 2023. Changes of contract start and end date and publication of tender notice.

Scope

Description

The Department of Health and Social Care ('The Authority') is seeking information regarding your views on a contract to deliver best practice training materials to improve the transition from children's services to adult social care (ASC).

This RFI will therefore allow the Authority to:

- Identify possible suppliers to deliver best practice training materials to improve the transition from children's services to adult social care
- Gather information from suppliers to develop a more desirable requirement and specification that may be used for potential future competitive tendering activity (i.e. by exploring deliverables, timelines and cost to develop these materials) either via DPS Research and Insights under PCR 2015 or Open tender via PA 2023.

This is a Request for Information (RFI) only. This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes; it does not constitute an Invitation to Tender (ITT) or a promise to issue an ITT in the future.

The contract dates and tender dates are tentative dates, subjected to change.

Background

His Majesty's Government (HMG) works to deliver better life chances for all – breaking the link between background and success. We do this by protecting children and ensuring the delivery of higher standards of education, training and care. The variation and poor quality of the transition from children's services into ASC is a problem raised in many reports. Improving this transition is important for supporting young people with special educational needs and disabilities to get the right support and to live as independently as possible in adulthood.

We are seeking to address the cultural and join-up problems by upskilling the social care sector via a set of best practice training materials and guidelines. The guidelines should be overarching principles for good transitions, drawing on existing materials such as NICE guidelines. These materials will improve the transitions capabilities of both children and adult social workers and leaders in the sector.

The development of deliverables, and decisions as to their format, must be informed by engagement with those with lived experience of the transition into ASC (this should include young people, young carers, family, unpaid carers, relevant education settings and practitioners working in the sector).

All the interested suppliers should register at: health.atamis.co.uk to apply for the

opportunity. For any Atamis queries email to: support-health@atamis.co.uk or via Helpdesk Phone: 0800 9956035.

Total value (estimated)

- £250,000 excluding VAT
- £300,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 26 January 2026 to 25 October 2026
- 9 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98112000 - Services furnished by professional organisations

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

28 November 2025

Engagement process description

If there are multiple requests from suppliers, we will consider running a short webinar with interested suppliers to discuss our objectives and feasible contract options in more detail. Please email: georgina.connolly@dhsc.gov.uk to register your interest for webinar.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

10 December 2025

Contracting authority

Department of Health & Social Care

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