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Tender

Flexible Procurement Agreement for the Children and Young People's Framework

North East Combined Authority

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

UKC - North East (England)

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.northeast-ca.gov.uk

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

www.open-uk.org

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.open-uk.org

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Flexible Procurement Agreement for the Children and Young People's Framework

Reference number

OPEN2025455

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The funding for children and young people's programmes intends to build an inclusive economy, where all children and young people have equal opportunities to realise their potential and be part of the region's future success.

To achieve this, the former North of Tyne Combined Authority launched a Children and Young People's Flexible Procurement Framework for delivery in the North of Tyne area and invited a wide range of organisations and providers including public and private sector, independent training organisations, Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations (VCSE) organisations and other stakeholders, to tender for a place on the Framework. Following the transition of North of Tyne Combined Authority to the North East Combined Authority, encompassing four additional local authority areas, the North East CA is now reopening this framework to enable procurement of activity across the full North East CA.

The Flexible Procurement Framework will initially be utilised to procure providers for North East CA investment fund allocation for excellence in education and child poverty reduction programmes.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Child Poverty Reduction

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC14 - Durham CC
- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The North East Child Poverty Action plan is an ambitious, evidence-informed plan which sets

out our determination to use the collective levers and resources we have available here in the North East to prevent and reduce child poverty. This represents a significant investment, from the very earliest stages, in our single most important asset as a region: our people.

We know that the North East can be the best place in the world to grow up, live and raise a family - but this isn't the case for far too many people in our region. Our vision is for the North East to be a place where every baby, child and young person is

supported to thrive and achieve their potential
- regardless of their background, or where
they live.

The child poverty reduction programme speaks to the three strategic priorities within the regional action plan, which has been developed following extensive engagement with a broad range of cross-sector organisations, parents, carers, and young people across the region,:

Supporting children and families here and now- including by doing what we can together to help families maximise their incomes

Breaking down the barriers to opportunity that poverty can bring, including by collectively investing more in giving babies, children and young people the best start in life

Tackling longer-term, structural challenges - including those which will help to make work pay, and create the infrastructure of opportunity for more families

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

1 January 2026

End date

31 August 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Education Improvement

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC14 - Durham CC
- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

North East CA's Excellence in Education forms part of our Home of Real Opportunity portfolio and exemplifies a commitment to thinking creatively and progressively about the widest implications of an inclusive economy. We are dedicated to giving everyone the opportunity to thrive - to achieve and access good jobs, working with businesses, civil society, and our residents to achieve this.

Our current programme of work has 3 objectives:

Inclusion

Realising Potential

Teacher Wellbeing and Development

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

5 December 2025

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

5 December 2025

Local time

12:05pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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