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Planning

Independent Advocacy and Children's Rights

The City of Edinburgh Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The City of Edinburgh Council

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Country

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NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00290

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Independent Advocacy and Children's Rights

Reference number

CT1567

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The City of Edinburgh Council (the Council) would like to engage with the market for experienced, providers with a local presence to deliver, an Independent Advocacy and Children's Rights Service. This service will ensure the rights of children and young people who are looked after, are protected and they have the support they require to have their voices heard in matters which affect them. Please see the attached document titled 'CT1567 PIN notice' for further detail on the requirement.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £690,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The City of Edinburgh Council's vision is that Edinburgh's children and young people enjoy their childhood and reach their potential. Further, the Council is committed to ensuring the promise which Scotland made to care experienced children and young people — that they will grow up loved, safe and respected, is fulfilled.

This service will be targeted to meet the advocacy and rights needs of:

- Children and young people who are Looked After and Accommodated and who live in foster, kinship, residential and secure care.
- Children and young people who are deemed to be Looked After and living at home.
- Children and young people involved in the Child Protection Process.

The provider shall:

- Promote and deliver the service in line with the "Independent Advocacy Principles, Standards & Code of Best Practice", as published by the Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance;
- Ensure that children and young people who are looked after are empowered to express their needs and wishes;
- Put children and young people first;
- Be accountable;
- Be accessible to children and young people wherever they may be living; and
- Be free from conflicts of interest.

This service will not support or accept citizen or peer advocacy as this is not considered appropriate for this cohort of young people.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

2 February 2026

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please note that the estimated contract value is for the full contract term - not per annum. The Council will host an online supplier event on 16 December 2025. This event will outline the planned new service to providers, discuss the draft specification, detail the procurement process and estimated timelines. The event will take place via Microsoft Teams. If you wish to attend this event, please email kyro.grieve@edinburgh.gov.uk with details of a maximum of two attendees per organisation by 12noon on 12 December 2025.

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