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Tender

CWC25011 - Independent Specialist Education Provision Light Touch Framework

Wolverhampton City Council

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Changes to notice

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

Tender deadline extended to 17:00 Thursday 4th December 2025.

Scope

Reference

CWC25011

Description

The City of Wolverhampton Council is seeking to commission a range of Independent Specialist Education Providers who will meet the needs of our children and young people whilst promoting choice in the local market and delivering best value for money.

Provision under this Independent Specialist Education Providers (ISEP) Light Touch Framework will be for children and young people with a range of special educational needs between the ages of 5-25 with an EHCP as set out in the SEND Code of Practice 2015.

The tender will be separated into 4 Lots:

Lot 1: Primary phase - ages 5 - 11 national curriculum years 1 - 6

Lot 2: Secondary phase - ages 11- 16 national curriculum years 7 - 11

Lot 3: Post-16 phase - ages 16 - 19

Lot 4: Post-19 phase - age 19+

Due to procurement legislation, all maintained (publicly owned) schools do not need to apply for the framework as the authority can contract with them outside of the framework.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £89,996,538 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- Possible extension to 31 March 2033
- 7 years

Description of possible extension:

There will be 2 optional extensions of 1 year each (total of 2 years).

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Lot 1 (was GB-PPON-PVBV-7568-LBLL). Primary Phase Independent Specialist Placements

Description

Lot 1: Primary Phase Independent Specialist Placements - (ages 5-11, National Curriculum Years 1-6 - this could include reception year)

Lot value (estimated)

- £30,133,619 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Secondary Phase Independent Specialist Placements

Description

Lot 2: Secondary Phase Independent Specialist Placements - (ages 11-16, National Curriculum Years 7-11)

Lot value (estimated)

- £45,200,428 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Post 16 Independent Specialist Placements

Description

Lot 3: Post 16 Independent Specialist Placements

Lot value (estimated)

- £10,263,744 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. Post 19 Independent Specialist Placements

Description

Lot 4: Post 19 Independent Specialist Placements

Lot value (estimated)

- £4,398,748 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Framework prices will be submitted by providers when bidding onto the framework. The call-off process is stipulated in the specification document included within the tender pack.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1 (was GB-PPON-PVBV-7568-LBLL). Primary Phase Independent Specialist Placements

Lot 2. Secondary Phase Independent Specialist Placements

Lot 3. Post 16 Independent Specialist Placements

Lot 4. Post 19 Independent Specialist Placements

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

Submission

Tender submission deadline

4 December 2025, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

www.wolverhamptontenders.com

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

16 February 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 October 2032

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	85%
Social Value	Quality	10%
Equality, Diversity & Inclusion	Quality	5%

Other information**Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

Procedure**Procedure type**

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Wolverhampton City Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government