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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

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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

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## **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)

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## **Submission**

### **Tender submission deadline**

4 December 2025, 5:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

[www.wolverhamptontenders.com](http://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

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### **Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Quality	Quality	85%
Social Value	Quality	10%
Equality, Diversity & Inclusion	Quality	5%

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### **Other information**

#### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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### **Procedure**

#### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

## **Special regime**

Light touch

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Wolverhampton City Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVBV-7568-LBLL

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Region: UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government