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Award

Contract for the provision of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)

Gateshead Borough Council

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Scope

Description

Special Educational Needs and Disability Information and Advice Support Service (SENDIASS), is a statutory service, covered under legislation in the Children and Families Act 2014 and the SEND Code of Practice; 0 to 25 years. The service will deliver free, impartial, confidential, and accurate information, advice, and support concerning education, health, and social care. It will assist children, young people, and their families (CYPF) in understanding and navigating the processes associated with special educational needs and disabilities.

The Borough Council of Gateshead (the Council) is acting as lead commissioner for this Service which is being commissioned jointly with the NHS Northeast and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Contract 1

Supplier

- AXIS RECRUITMENT LIMITED

Contract value

- £400,000 excluding VAT
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Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

9 December 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

22 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2026 to 1 February 2028
- Possible extension to 1 February 2030
- 4 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Initial contract term 24 months with options to extend for up to 2 x 12 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

Information about tenders

- 4 tenders received
- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Supplier

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Nottingham

NG5 1DG

United Kingdom

Email: michaelc@axisrec.com

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Region: UKF14 - Nottingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Gateshead Borough Council

- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10002639
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPGY-1151-NJQN

Civic Centre, Regent Terrace

Gateshead

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Website: <https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/31230/Learning-and-Skills>

Region: UKC22 - Tyneside

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government