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Tender

## **SEND Mediation and Dispute Resolution Service**

The Council of the City of Wakefield

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

102267

### **Description**

The Service will provide independent, impartial and confidential mediation and dispute resolution advice and support in line with the Children and Families Act 2014 and the SEND Code of Practice 2015 whilst also considering the DfE guidance within the SEND and Alternative Provision Improvement Plan.

The contract will commence on the 1st April 2026 for a period of 5 years with the option extend for a further 5 years.

The estimated contract value, including extensions, is £500,000.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- Possible extension to 31 March 2036
- 10 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend up to a further 5 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

### **Contract locations**

- UKE45 - Wakefield

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## **Participation**

## Particular suitability

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

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## Submission

### Tender submission deadline

12 January 2026, 12:00pm

### Submission address and any special instructions

The tender pack can be accessed via the Merrell YORtender system using name and reference: 102267 - RFS24-145 - SEND Mediation and Dispute Resolution Service

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=UK>

Bids should be submitted by 12 noon 12/01/2026

### Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

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## Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality Criteria Method Statements	Quality	60%

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Name	Type	Weighting
Price Assessment	Price	30%
Social Value Outcomes	Quality	10%

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

### Special regime

Light touch

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## Documents

### Associated tender documents

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## Contracting authority

## **The Council of the City of Wakefield**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDZN-8179-PJQV

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government