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Planning

DHSC: ASC Transitions Training Materials

Department of Health & Social Care

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Scope

Reference

C408639

Description

Background

His Majesty's Government (HMG) works to deliver better life chances for all – breaking the link between background and success. We do this by protecting children and ensuring the delivery of higher standards of education, training and care. The variation and poor quality of the transition from children's services into ASC is a problem raised in many reports. Improving this transition is important for supporting young people with special educational needs and disabilities to get the right support and to live as independently as possible in adulthood.

We are seeking to address the cultural and join-up problems by upskilling the social care sector via a set of best practice training materials and guidelines. The guidelines should be overarching principles for good transitions, drawing on existing materials such as NICE

guidelines . These materials will improve the transitions capabilities of both children and adult social workers and leaders in the sector.

The development of deliverables, and decisions as to their format, must be informed by engagement with those with lived experience of the transition into ASC (this should include young people, young carers, family, unpaid carers, relevant education settings and practitioners working in the sector).

Total value (estimated)

- £250,000 excluding VAT
- £300,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 March 2026 to 15 January 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2027
- 1 year, 16 days

Description of possible extension:

Potential for optional contract extension for 1-2 months to 31st March 2027.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

12 January 2026

Enquiry deadline

26 January 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

12 February 2026, 10:45pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Submit tender responses via E-Portal Atamis
(<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>)

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

2 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	inclusive of 10% weighting of social value	Quality	90.00%

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Price	inclusive of 10% weighting of social value	Price	10.00%

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Reduced tendering period

Yes

Qualifying planned procurement notice - minimum 10 days

Contracting authority

Department of Health & Social Care

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMQG-9965-CHZR

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government