

# Expression of interest

# Analysis of the responses to the consultation on the proposed legislation for children not in school

**Project reference: DFERPPU 2019/002**

**Deadline for expressions of interest: Midday Monday 13th May 2019**

## Summary

Expressions of interest are sought to complete a thorough analysis of the qualitative responses to the Department for Education’s consultation: *proposed legislation for children not in schoo*l*,* which follows up on last year’s *Elective home education: call for evidence* consultation document.

## Background

The Department for Education is [consulting](https://consult.education.gov.uk/school-frameworks/children-not-in-school/) on the detailed implementation issues for each element of proposed legislation for children not in school - the scope of the register in identifying children who are not in mainstream schools, the extent of the duties on parents and on educational settings, and also the scope of the proposed duty to support home educating families.

The consultation is aimed at the following groups:

* Parents and young people, especially those taking part in elective home education;
* Local authorities;
* Organisations which support families taking part in elective home education;
* Schools and teachers, and their representative organisations.

We require an analysis of all responses we receive - we expect to receive several thousand (the previous call for evidence receieved around 3,000 responses). Most of the questions are open so this project requires experience of using qualitative analysis techniques on large datasets. The majority of responses are expected to be received via an online survey form, although some will be via letter, email or records of meetings.

A formal government response document will be published after the consultation, and the analysis will form the basis of that report - as it did for the 2018 consultation. The analysis results will also inform the detailed drafting of the planned legislation, especially the regulations which will set detailed parameters for the planned statutory duties

The consultation includes 35 open questions with no word limits and these are likely to receive a wide range of responses. It runs from 2 April until 24 June 2019.

## Research aims

The aim of the project is to provide a full analysis of the responses received to the consultation document which will include identifying themes and recommendations made by different stakeholder groups on each of the areas covered in the consultation. This will be considered alongside other engagement activity the Department is undertaking to inform further policy development and the government’s official response to the consultation.

## Methodology

We require an organisation experienced in completing large scale text analysis (preferably in the context of public consultations) to deliver the analysis in a relatively short timescale. The analysis should be made available in a form that allows us to complete further interrogation of the data.

## Timing

* Deadline for EOIs – Monday 13th May 2019, Midday
* Issue ITT – Wednesday 15th May 2019
* Deadline for bids – Wednesday 29th May 2019, midday
* Award contract 5th June 2019
* Begin analysis once responses are available shortly after 24th June 2019
* Final report due September 2019

## Assessment criteria

Expressions of interest will be assessed against the following criteria:

* Understanding of the Department’s requirement.
* Capacity to develop an appropriate methodology and reporting approach
* Evidence of experience of the proposed methods to be used.
* Knowledge of the policy context.

**Each one of these criteria has equal weighting.**

* Expressions of interests submitted must be no more than 750 words – anything longer will be disregarded.

| **Closing date for EOIs: Midday Monday 13th May 2019**  **Send your EOI form to: Robert.cirin@education.gov.uk** |
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## How to submit an expressions of interest

You must submit an expression of interest (EOI) in order to be considered to be invited to tender. To do so, please complete the NEW EOI Form which can be found under attachments. A submission of an EOI does not guarantee an invitation to tender and the Department does not routinely advise organisations that they have not been successful in being invited to tender. Feedback is however available on request.

All contracts are let on the basis of the [Department’s Terms and Conditions](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eoi-guide). You are encouraged to check these before submitting your expression of interest, as these form part of your contractual obligations.

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