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| Title: | North West Flexible Purchasing System for SEND |
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| For: | SEND Providers |

# Round 2

There was an excellent response to Round 1 of the NW SEND FPS and authorities can start to utilise the new purchasing system from 1 March 2021. The next opportunity for providers to join the SEND FPS will be in July 2021. The purchasing system will close for evaluation on the 24 May 2021 with contract commencement planned for 1 July 2021. Please note that this round will be part of Phase 1 (provision for children and young people aged under 16) and will not be open to Post-16 settings.

# Phase 2

A working group has been established to start work on Phase 2 and a specification for Post-16 provision. This group includes representatives from NATSPEC, Association of Colleges, placing authorities, Designated Clinical Officer representation and parent / carers, they will look at engagement with providers, local authorities and parent carers as a priority.

We are working to be able to invite Post-16 settings to tender in Round 3, with an indicative timeline of November 2021 for closing for evaluation.

# Further information

More information including how to register for the Chest and receive notifications is included on our website here: [www.nwadcs.org.uk/regional-purchasing-systems](http://www.nwadcs.org.uk/regional-purchasing-systems)

Previous bulletins are also available on this website.