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Tender

North East Essex Mental Health Recovery College

Essex County Council

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Scope

Description

Essex County Council alongside North Essex ICB are commissioning a Recovery College to support adults in Essex experiencing poor mental health in their road to recovery. Supporting adults of Essex to remain well in their community is a priority that drives many of Essex County Councils strategies.

This contract will look to deliver open access support for residents of North East Essex to support their mental health recovery. The winning provider will work closely with commissioners and operational teams across health and social care to ensure that adults with mental health needs are supported in the community in their recovery. Recovery courses will be co-created, co-designed and co-delivered with adults with lived experience of mental health.

Course content will be flexible to meet local demand and will be shaped by those that are accessing the college defining the support they need. There will be a set list of courses that will be continuously delivered that the provider will work with commissioners to develop. Course development will require the development of specific courses to support local need

Total value (estimated)

- £200,000 excluding VAT
- £200,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85312310 - Guidance services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

4 February 2026, 11:00pm

Tender submission deadline

11 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://procontract.due-north.com/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Service Delivery	Quality	60%
Commercial	Cost	30%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Essex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government