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Planning

Countywide Discharge to Assess - bed based residential/nursing services

Suffolk County Council

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Scope

Reference

PA0030

Description

Suffolk County Council wish to undertake Market Engagement to explore the provision of bed-based residential and nursing services to provide timely discharge for adults from hospital as part of the Discharge to Assess model. This discharge route is for adults who are likely to need a further period of assessment for a short period of time with a focus on therapeutic and reablement input. This will move life changing care decisions outside of the acute hospital environment, allowing time for adults and their families to make informed decisions and reach long term plans. Providers would be expected to support adults to achieve their goals using an asset-based approach, which leads to an increase of independence and self-care. There should be an integrated response with both health and social care assessments providing a holistic approach during the assessment period

This model is about partnerships between individuals and organisations to ensure that

services are person centred, promote faster recovery from illness, prevent unnecessary acute hospital admission, support timely discharge, and maximise independent living.

Lot 1 - The service provision for The Ipswich & East Locality is for nursing and residential placements with a minimum of 30 beds in one location and be no further than 15 miles/no longer than 30 minutes from Ipswich Hospital Acute Trust.

Lot 2 - The service provision for the West Locality is for care home nursing and residential placements of a maximum of 15 beds located across the West Area to maximise coverage. Up to a maximum of 5 providers covering 4 areas.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,400,000 excluding VAT
- £2,880,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 8 August 2026 to 7 August 2029
- Possible extension to 7 August 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 February 2026

Engagement process description

A webinar will be held on 03rd February 2026 for care providers offering accommodation-based nursing and residential care services in Suffolk. The purpose of the webinar is to outline the service requirements.

Register for the webinar by emailing ipswichandeastscm@suffolk.gov.uk by 23 January 2026

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Suffolk County Council

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