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Planning

25075 Childrens fostering / residential framework

Cambridgeshire County Council

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Commission East have decided to change upcoming meeting from face-to-face to online. Notice updated to reflect.

Scope

Reference

25075

Description

Cambridgeshire County Council is part of Commission East, which is a partnership of all 11 Local Authorities in the Eastern Region. Our aim is to create a unified regional voice and foster genuine collaboration with providers. As part of this approach, we intend to co-design and implement a regional framework for Residential and Fostering services.

You can find out more information and contact details for Commission East here:

<https://improvementeast.org.uk/commission-east/>

Our intention is to:

- Build a transparent, co-produced regional commissioning framework
- Share learning and good practice across the region and beyond
- Create a culture of innovation and co-design to develop a responsive care system

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2032
- Possible extension to 31 March 2037
- 10 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKH - East of England

Engagement

Engagement deadline

28 January 2026

Engagement process description

The first market engagement event will be on 28 January 2026 online:

11:30 - 12:45 - Fostering

13:00 - 14:15 - Residential

You are welcome to join both calls or simply attend the one most relevant to you.

This will be an opportunity to learn about, and help shape, the commissioning of fostering and children's residential homes with Eastern Region Local Authorities.

For more information about the project and engagement sessions please get in touch with Commission East via their Contact Us page: <https://improvementeast.org.uk/contact-us/>

Or email: easternregioncib@norfolk.gov.uk

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Cambridgeshire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJVB-3262-VGVJ

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