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## **Market Engagement to provide a dedicated therapy service**

Suffolk County Council

F01: Prior information notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-043aa2

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Suffolk County Council

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKH14 - Suffolk

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Market Engagement to provide a dedicated therapy service

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Suffolk County Council wish to undertake Market Engagement to provide a dedicated therapy service to aid the recovery of people following an episode of acute care.

The main focus will be on the assessment and treatment of people in commissioned beds with a focus on reablement, patient centred goal setting and maximising people's independence, serving the pathway 2 discharge to assess (D2A) model.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Main site or place of performance

Ipswich & Surrounding areas

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Suffolk County Council is undertaking Market Engagement prior to conducting a procurement exercise for the award of a contract to provide a dedicated therapy service within a commissioned bed-based model, working alongside social services and the

nursing/care team in Ipswich.

There will be an expectation that anybody admitted to a D2A bed within this model will have access to the therapy service which will:

Provide a dedicated therapy service consisting of HCPC registered physiotherapists, occupational therapists and therapy assistants who have experience of working with older adults, some of whom will have complex needs and multiple co-morbidities.

Work with people using an asset-based approach, building on their strengths and agreeing reablement goals for individuals. People's progress will be closely monitored, and goals will be regularly reviewed throughout the reablement period of up to 6 weeks. Work in line with the Suffolk D2A principles where our goal is to maximise the chances of people returning home to live as independently as possible.

Participate in and contribute to an MDT approach that seeks to optimise people's outcomes and provide high quality care.

This model provides a minimum of 30 beds. Should bed capacity or occupancy be at a lower level for a prolonged period, discussions would take place on how to utilise any spare capacity in the therapy service, this could include flexing capacity of the therapy service to other local sites.

For further information on the market engagement exercise please contact: [Lucy.markham@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Lucy.markham@suffolk.gov.uk) before 28th February 2024.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

30 March 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes