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Planning

## **Pre-Tender Market Engagement: BFriends Community Based Test & Learn Project**

Essex County Council

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-032127

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

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

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

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**NUTS code**

UKH3 - Essex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.essex.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

Pre-Tender Market Engagement: BFriends Community Based Test & Learn Project

Reference number

DN601918

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Essex County Council would like to invite prospective organisations to participate in a market engagement event in preparation for a forthcoming procurement opportunity to secure a befriending, mentoring and peer-led activities service to be conducted in the Braintree and Chelmsford district areas of Essex.

The market engagement event will be conducted via MS Teams on Monday 28th March 2022, 12 noon to 1:00pm and will include a discussion of the project proposal. If your organisation would like to attend this event, please e-mail [lorna.venters@essex.gov.uk](mailto:lorna.venters@essex.gov.uk) by Thursday 24th March 2022 confirming the number of colleagues who wish to attend and an e-mail address to enable the Council to send the link to join the online meeting.

The overarching aim of this project is to provide opportunities for adults with a Learning Disability and / or Autism (LD&A) to participate in local community activities that meet individual goals and aspirations. Community volunteers will support, where appropriate, in the provision of befriending and mentoring activities and the establishment of peer-led groups; the aim should be that peer-led groups should be fully led by LD&A adults. The views of adults, families and carers will be key to ensuring that support is appropriate and responsive to changing patterns of need, and individuals are expected to play a key role in the co-production, design, and delivery of services.

It is the intention of the Council is to commission the Service, from September 2022. The

contract will be for 24 months.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £210,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

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

14 March 2022

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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: No