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## **WSCC AA - Residential Services for Children with Complex Needs - Market Engagement**

West Sussex County Council

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/supplying-wscc-with-goods-or-services/tendering-opportunities/>

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sesharedservices.aspx/Tenders/Current>

**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**

WSCC AA - Residential Services for Children with Complex Needs - Market Engagement

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

West Sussex County Council, Kent County Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council are planning to tender for up to 65 residential placements later in the year. The four local authorities want to develop a new model for strategic collaboration with providers of residential care to improve outcomes for the children and young people. We wish to achieve this by working in partnership with providers to cultivate a fresh approach that fully employs their knowledge, expertise and creativity.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ32 - Southampton
- UKJ31 - Portsmouth
- UKJ4 - Kent
- UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

- UKJ28 - West Sussex (North East)

Main site or place of performance

West Sussex County Council, Kent County Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council

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

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

17 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: Yes

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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- Aged 8– 17 (though more typically 10-16)
- May have often experienced exploitation – criminal and or sexual
- Have had long histories of neglect and exposure to domestic abuse and other forms of childhood trauma
- Have a limited capacity to make secure and healthy attachments with care givers due to blocked trust
- Have mental health needs which have not always been fully assessed or understood
- Will sometimes need to be placed in an emergency/immediate situation

We have already undertaken some initial market research and from this we know that to be successful we will need to offer long contracts (10 years plus), develop a realistic approach to matching children to places and have pragmatic timescales for mobilisation and the required placements becoming available. To realise our ambition for a real partnership we want to explore with interested Service Providers a range of issues including - how 'soft blocks' can work in a way that is fair to both the provider and local authority partners? If you are interested in joining WSCC, KCC, PCC and SCC at this Market Engagement Event, please follow the instructions below. Please be advised that the Residential Services for Children We Care For with Complex Needs - West Sussex CC, Portsmouth CC, Kent CC and Southampton CC Market Engagement Event is now available via the portal. You will need to login to the portal to access the information, registering first if you have not already done so, via this link <https://www.sesharedservices.org.uk/esourcingYou> will then be able to search for the event information, the title and reference are as follows: Title WSCC AA - Residential Services for Children with Complex Needs Reference CWSCC - 034220 The market engagement event is scheduled for 12-2 p.m. on Tuesday 5th April 2022. Please follow the instructions on the portal on how to participate in the event.