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INTERMEDIATE CARE/REABLEMENT SERVICES FOR ESSEX

Essex County Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0447e1

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

INTERMEDIATE CARE/REABLEMENT SERVICES FOR ESSEX

Reference number

1022 – IC 2023/2024

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
 - AA01 - Metal

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Essex County Council works with NHS Partners to jointly commission services which make up the Intermediate Care pathway, for people requiring short-term support within the community or following hospital admission, including reablement. Referrals to ECC's Intermediate Care services can be via discharge teams in acute hospitals, or from the community to support hospital admission avoidance.

To ensure ongoing availability of this service, the Council will be tendering for the delivery of reablement services to support the core service delivery from our Local Authority Company. The Additional Reablement Capacity contracts, known as ARC, will address further service demands across the county, divided into 5 distinct geographical locations. Significant efforts have been made to enhance intermediate care services across the county. This includes aligning contracts and fostering collaboration. Additionally, a dedicated project has been initiated to shape the future of Intermediate Care in Essex.

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- South West Essex (Basildon and Brentwood Districts)
- West Essex (Uttlesford, Epping Forest and Harlow Districts)

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Further stages of this engagement process, in order to refine the nature of the Intermediate Care may include the issue of questions, meetings (both face-to-face and virtual) and group presentations to the market.

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II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £25,000,000

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

30 April 2024

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Interested party are invited to indicate interest in this market engagement process, via email to:

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following which a market engagement briefing document will be issued, including a number of specific questions aimed at obtaining information to support the future delivery of intermediate care/reablement services.