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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): ocids-h6vhtk-0447e1

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Essex County Council

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### **Contact**

Mr Barry Messenger

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**Country**

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**Region 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**

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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- North Essex (Colchester and Tendring Districts)

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- South-East Essex (Rochford and Castle Point Districts)
- South West Essex (Basildon and Brentwood Districts)
- West Essex (Uttlesford, Epping Forest and Harlow Districts)

This Prior Information Notice initiates a period of market engagement, to inform the tendering specification and ensure alignment between market deliverables and the strategic direction of the Council's intermediate care services.

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

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

30 April 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

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## **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:

[barry.messenger@essex.gov.uk](mailto:barry.messenger@essex.gov.uk),

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.