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Planning

Residential Intermediate Care Beds

Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

DN803566

Description

Sefton Council, in partnership with NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB) - Sefton Place, is exploring options for the future commissioning of Residential Intermediate Care (IC) Beds to support winter resilience from Winter 2026/27 onwards, with potential year-round baseline capacity.

The purpose of this Notice is to engage with the market, understand provider capacity and interest, and inform the development of a future procurement process. This Notice does not constitute the launch of a procurement exercise.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2026 to 31 October 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

Contract locations

- UKD73 - Sefton

Engagement

Engagement deadline

27 February 2026

Engagement process description

Providers are invited to participate in the following activities:

- a) Soft Market Engagement Questionnaire

A short questionnaire will be issued to gather information on:

- Available capacity
- Service delivery models
- Quality governance
- Workforce/skills
- Price assumptions
- Mobilisation readiness for Winter 2026

b) Provider Engagement Event

Depending on the response rate the Council may choose to hold a virtual engagement event over the forthcoming weeks.

Providers should register their interest by completing and returning the Market Engagement Response form available from the Proactis portal.

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<https://procontract.due-north.com/RFx/RFxSummary?rfxId=24ac586e-01f3-f011-813c-005056b64545&projectId=6265794a-00f3-f011-813c-005056b64545>

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government