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Planning

Soft Market Testing - Provision of Support for Complex Needs Rough Sleepers via Supported Accommodation

Durham County Council

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Scope

Description

Durham County Council (DCC) is looking to explore the market to understand what provision is available to provide accommodation and support for rough sleepers who present with complex needs.

To support this, we would like to gain information from the market regarding a number of issues related to the potential procurement exercise.

You are therefore invited to consider the inquiries detailed in the attached briefing document, and complete the attached questionnaire.

This notice is not an invitation for formal expressions of interest. Durham County Council is issuing this request for information only, in order to assess the reaction of support and housing providers and the broader market and thus make any potential procurement process more focused and efficient.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2027
- Possible extension to 31 August 2028
- 2 years, 11 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKC14 - Durham CC

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 March 2025

Engagement process description

This market testing is taking place through responses to a soft market testing questionnaire. Soft market testing document can be accessed at www.open-uk.org. The reference is OPEN2025328 which can be found by searching for "001840 Soft market

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Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Durham County Council

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