

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/008285-2025>

Planning

CP2491-24 Independent and Alternative Education support for Children and Young People in Devon

Devon County Council

UK2: Preliminary market engagement notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-008285

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04ea53 ([view related notices](#))

Published 7 March 2025, 7:20am

Scope

Reference

CP2491-24

Description

Independent and Alternative Education support for Children and Young People in Devon.

Devon County Council is currently in the market engagement stage for future commissioning and procurement of placements for Independent and Alternative Education for Children and Young People in Devon.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2030

- Possible extension to 31 October 2033
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKK - South West (England)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

11 March 2025

Engagement process description

Devon County Council would like to invite providers to attend upcoming engagement events

in relation to future commissioning of:

- Education placements for children and young people with special education needs & disabilities (SEND) and statutory Education, Health & Care Plans (EHCP's)

- Alternative education support services for children and young people in Devon

Devon County Council will be supporting the following two events on Tuesday 11th March 2025 to be held in the Committee Suites at County Hall in Exeter.

To sign up to attend one of these events or both events, please fill in our Microsoft Forms survey: - <https://forms.office.com/e/1KSRfiGF8z>

Event 1, Tuesday 11th March 2025, 9.30am to 1pm. - The future commissioning of alternative education provision services with Devon County

Council.

- This event will be a mixture of short presentations and workshop style activities, discussion,

and collaboration.

- This event is intended for providers offering packages of alternative education provision services or support for children and young people

- This event will look at the future design and longer-term commissioning model the Council

will use to buy services from this market and opportunities for us to work together on this.

Event 2, Tuesday 11th March 2025, 2pm to 5.30pm - The future commissioning of bespoke education placements within the independent sector for children and young people with Education, Health, and Care Plans with Devon County Council

- This event is intended for the following settings: - independent schools, independent special

schools and non-maintained special schools and special independent post-16 provision. This

includes both Section 41 approved and non-Section 41 approved providers.

- This event will be a mixture of short presentations and workshop style activities, discussion,

and collaboration.

- This event will look at the future design and longer-term commissioning model the Council

will use to buy services from this market and opportunities for us to work together on this.

Please note lunch will not be provided, but there is a cafe on site at County Hall where

refreshments can be purchased. Spaces will be limited to 1 representative per organisation.

These events are intended for DCC commissioners to gain information and knowledge

regarding the specific services from providers delivering them, with this in mind if you wish to

attend, please join the event aimed at the services you are currently delivering. As we

develop further there will be opportunities in the future where we will combine both services

to jointly look to the future

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

3 June 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Devon County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJRC-4623-RJBH

County Hall, Topsham Road

Exeter

EX2 4QD

United Kingdom

Contact name: Miss Louise Baker

Telephone: +44 1392383000

Email: procure@devon.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.devon.gov.uk>

Region: UKK43 - Devon CC

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government