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Planning

## Early Help Counselling Services

Bedford Borough Council

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## Scope

### Description

Preliminary market engagement to help scope future requirements of Early Help Counselling Services.

Aim to gain insight into current market trends and themes.

### Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2027
- Possible extension to 30 September 2029
- 4 years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services
- 85312320 - Counselling services

## **Contract locations**

- UKH - East of England

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

28 March 2025

### **Engagement process description**

Supplier Engagement event 1st April 2025.

Please email [zoe.shrehane@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:zoe.shrehane@bedford.gov.uk) for teams invite.

Since the inception of Bedford Borough's Early Help offer we have seen a significant increase in

Services completing Early Help Assessments requesting support for young people and their

families who may be experiencing emotional, social wellbeing and behavioural difficulties.

Counselling Services are required, as part of a continuum of provision in order to address these

needs, and to support and complement the Early Help offer. By ensuring this provision is in

place, we can help to empower, support and encourage children, young people and families

through difficult times, with the hope of them achieving independence, self-worth, motivation

and social and educational skills

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

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

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Bedford Borough Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLCV-4616-VTHL

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government