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Planning

SCE0060 - Community Led Family Support Services

Leicester City Council

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Scope

Reference

SCE0060

Description

Leicester City Council is considering Community Led Family Support Service to provide early, relationship- based support to families where neglect is persistent but remains below statutory thresholds.

The service is intended to work alongside existing Early Help and statutory services, focusing on long term engagement, trust building and practical support within communities to prevent escalation of need.

As part of the commissioning process, the authority is undertaking a soft market test. This gives potential providers and other stakeholders the opportunity to express their interests and feed in their views about the potential service model and specification principles. The commissioners will use the information to appraise options and further develop the specification.

A formal tender process will then follow.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,000,000 excluding VAT
- £2,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 August 2026 to 9 August 2028
- Possible extension to 9 August 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

24 February 2026

Engagement process description

As part of the commissioning process, the authority is undertaking a soft market test. This gives potential providers and other stakeholders the opportunity to express their interests and feed in their views about the potential service model and specification principles.

The commissioners will use the information to appraise options and further develop the specification.

This process does not constitute a formal tender or other competitive bidding process and will not result in the letting of a Contract.

The authority is using this process solely to test the market to gather information and ascertain the level of interest in this particular service.

There are therefore no formal criteria which we will use to judge your responses and it is not our intention to provide any feedback.

To view the documents and submit a response please follow the below link:

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Procurer/Advert/View?advertId=fbf6713a-4700-f111-813c-005056b64545&fromAdvertEvent=True>

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

13 April 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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