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## **Student Counselling - Soft Market Testing 2023**

University of Essex

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-009582

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b808

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

University of Essex

Wivenhoe Park

Colchester

CO4 3SQ

#### **Contact**

Aston Baker

#### **Email**

[ab17001@essex.ac.uk](mailto:ab17001@essex.ac.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH3 - Essex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.essex.ac.uk](http://www.essex.ac.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Student Counselling - Soft Market Testing 2023

Reference number

DN1495

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85312320 - Counselling services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

At Essex, in line with the national picture, we have seen a significant growth in the demand

for student mental health services. Our Student Wellbeing and Inclusivity Service

(SWIS) provides a professional and proactive service for students within a safe, healthy and

inclusive environment. It is our ambition to support our students to fulfil their potential as

individuals and to enable them to be active participants in their own educational experiences

and the transformational opportunities available to them at the University of Essex.

Counselling is part of the service provision in SWIS.

We are seeking an external counselling partner who has a strong understanding of the

higher education context, including the student journey, and will be able to adapt provision to

meet the diverse needs of students.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £750,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

anticipated to be a 36 month contract with the option for two additional 12 month extensions

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

15 January 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes