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Planning

## **Market Engagement for Fully Managed International Recruitment Service**

Suffolk County Council

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b82c

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

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

Suffolk County Council

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IP1 2BX

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKH14 - Suffolk

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.suffolksourcing.uk](http://www.suffolksourcing.uk)

## **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Regional or local authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Market Engagement for Fully Managed International Recruitment Service

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

Suffolk County Council wish to explore market options for a fully managed international recruitment service. The focus of that recruitment would encompass registered social work and therapy roles - specifically qualified Social Workers and Occupational Therapists as a minimum with the possibility of adding Physiotherapist. The service would also need to be able to recruit unregistered roles, principally trained and experienced carers, capable of working with the Council's in-house reablement service, Home First. To participate in this market engagement exercise please complete the MS Form at <https://forms.office.com/e/LBYZAhYm7U> by 17th April 2023. Any resulting procurement

decision is expected within 3-6 months.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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- Sourcing appropriate candidates for the roles described, from suitable countries. This would include evaluation of suitable candidates, although final selection would sit with the Council.
- Managing and financing all processes and procedures in relation to appropriate Visas.
- All aspects of sponsorship, settlement, including support for accommodation, and pastoral care for a defined period (an appropriate period of pastoral support to be defined by the potential provider of the service).

Providers of this service will need to ensure that an ethical approach is at the heart of any proposal, only working with Countries that are approved by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) as suitable to source recruitment from. We would also expect providers to have significant experience in this field of work with all necessary approvals and validations from appropriate government bodies. Specifically, compliance with the DHSC Code of practice for the international recruitment of health and social care personnel in England.

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

30 June 2023

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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