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Planning

Commissioning Children's Homes in Hackney for Children Looked After

London Borough of Hackney

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Scope

Reference

PRZC-5592-DDDV

Description

The London Borough of Hackney is looking to commission an experienced Children's Home provider to run and operate 2 new Children's Homes in Hackney out of Council owned properties. The home will accommodate a maximum of 6 children between them (in a 2 bed and 4 bed home), from the ages of 11 and 17.

We recognise the exceptionally challenging staffing climate in relation to support work and residential care staff, as well as the complexities and challenges around OFSTED registration. As a result of this, our aim is to work in partnership with an experienced provider who is already delivering OFSTED registered children's homes services.

Commissioning an experienced partner provider with an established staff and management pool, means that we are able to enhance the quality of experience and care

for children looked after. We want to build a partnership with a provider who has a track record of delivering good and outstanding homes to help us deliver excellent services for children looked after in Hackney.

The maximum duration of the contract will be seven years, comprising an initial period of five years with the option to extend for a further two years (5+1+1).

Conditions of Participation:

Providers will be required to meet 'conditions of participation' in order to have their entire bid evaluated. These are as detailed within the ITT and PSQ. Please refer to these documents to find further details which include:

Providers will need to demonstrate that they have been operating children's homes in England for at least 2 years and hold current active OFSTED registration. We would particularly welcome applications from providers that have a track record in delivering good or outstanding homes.

On the financial appraisal, we would seek that Providers have a Contract Turnover ratio of less than 50%, Eg: Annual Contract Value ÷ Total Annual Turnover

Total value (estimated)

- £17,860,000 excluding VAT
- £21,432,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

9 February 2026

Tender submission deadline

19 March 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders to be uploaded to the London Tenders Portal

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

12 June 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
1	Quality	70.00%
2	Price	30.00%

Other information

Payment terms

As detailed within the Tender Pack.

Description of risks to contract performance

Payment shall only be made to the Provider on production of detailed and satisfactory invoices (in a format that shall be agreed by the Authorised Officer) and on receipt of the

performance and management information in relation to the quarter the invoice is submitted for.

The Council shall pay all agreed invoices within 30 days of receipt.

Any payments made in accordance with the contract are exclusive of VAT and VAT shall be added to any payments where appropriate.

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

London Borough of Hackney

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRZC-5592-DDDV

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government