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Planning

Preliminary Market Engagement for Residential Homes for Children Looked After

London Borough of Camden

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Scope

Description

The Council are planning to commission three new children's homes for 6 -18 year olds the first contract will commence in December 2026/January 2027 and the other two in June/July 2027 (subject to change) for an estimated contract duration of four (4) years with an option to extend for a further two year. The Council will provide the buildings, and we are seeking service providers to run the homes.

Two of the contracts will be for children with emotional behavioural difficulties and one will provide short term stabilising placements for children with complex needs who are at risk or on deprivation of liberty orders. The children and young people living at the homes will be 'Children Looked After,' where the Council has corporate parenting responsibilities in line with the requirements of the Children Act 1989 and the Children Act 2004. As a result of their experiences, the children referred to the service will have varying and complex needs.

Alongside the daily support from the service provider, children and young people placed in this service will receive in-reach from local services including health, education child adolescent mental health services (CAMHS).

Total value (estimated)

- £18,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 December 2026 to 30 November 2030
- Possible extension to 30 November 2032
- 6 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

Contract locations

- UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Engagement

Engagement deadline

27 February 2026

Engagement process description

We are inviting suppliers to attend an online market engagement event via Microsoft Teams taking place on 27th February 2026 from 9.30am to 11:00am. A link to the meeting will be provided upon registration.

Please register by noon on 25th February 2026 and access further information via this link
<https://procontract.due-north.com/AdvertiserId=2178df2e-df00-f111-813c-005056b64545&fromRfxSummary=True&rfdId=0cdf5eb7-df00-f111-813c-005056b64545>

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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