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Planning

Essex County Council Residential & Accommodation Services Collaboration Event

Essex County Council

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Scope

Description

Essex County Council (ECC) want to secure 33 exclusive Children's Residential Home beds in Essex by 2027 for children and young people in care. ECC also have a long-term ambition to work differently, in collaboration with the sector. We want to work with organisations that share our purpose and values to appropriately meet the needs and deliver good outcomes for Essex young people, in Essex.

ECC has planned a collaboration event on the 12th May 2025 between 10:00 and 16:00 at Colchester Football Stadium to meet with providers of children's residential care. This event is for:

- Providers already working in Essex
- Providers that want to work in Essex
- Providers that do not have property in Essex but want to work in Essex
- Social enterprise organisations (small and large) who want to work in Essex

This event aims to set out a new way of working together by collaborating with you to co-design sustainable and purposeful solutions to Essex sufficiency. This event is for directors and owners of children's homes.

Agenda for Collaboration and Discussion:

1. Residential Programme 2024/2025 Update
2. Understanding future demand, capacity and timelines
3. Understanding Care Cubed
4. Developing prerequisites for working together - what we need from you and what you need from us
5. Adapting procurement pathways for public benefit - addressing the challenges of public sector procurement for commissioners, providers and young people
6. Partnerships and Collaboration - exploring how we can do and can work together for improved outcomes
7. Facilitated networking time

There will be space for organisations to book a 10-15-minute slot with key commissioning and procurement leads for direct, individual conversations.

How to book:

Please register your interest in attending the collaboration event, and book a slot with ECC representatives via Eventbrite using the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/essex-childrens-residential-collaboration-event-tickets-1309550052459?aff=oddtcreator>

Explanatory note:

Please be advised that any information regarding the contract value and contract duration within this notice are provided for indicative purposes to fulfil the requirements of the online form. The Council reserves the right to review and amend this information and will publish the actual position within the tender notice.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 30 May 2029
- 2 years, 11 months, 30 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Engagement

Engagement deadline

7 May 2025

Engagement process description

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In addition, please note that the engagement deadline relates to the deadline for expressing interest in attending the initial event on 12th May 2025 to facilitate the scheduling arrangements. The Council will publish details of any further market engagement opportunities regarding this project via separate notices in due course.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Essex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

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