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Tender

## **Retender Greater Essex Individual Placement and Support for Severe Mental Illness (IPS for SMI)**

Essex County Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

DN769504

### **Description**

Essex County Council as lead commissioner is seeking to procure a service for Individual Placement and Support for Serious Mental Illness (IPS for SMI). The IPS for SMI is an employment support service integrated with secondary care mental health services to assist people who experience severe mental health conditions to find paid work. ECC is the lead commissioner for this service on behalf of the three ICBs in Essex, namely Mid and South Essex (MSE), Hertfordshire and West Essex (HWE), and Suffolk and North East Essex (SNEE). Please note that this service will not cover Hertfordshire or Suffolk. For the purposes of this procurement, this service is an ALL Essex service, which includes the Unitary Authorities of Southend and Thurrock.

The contract will have an initial term of 3 years (36 months), with an option to extend for a period of no more than 2 years (24 months) at the discretion of the commissioners.

The contract value for a potential 5 year duration is capped at £1,600,000 per annum or £8,000,000 for 5 years. The service is expected to deliver IPS access to 1244 unemployed people aged 18 or over, each contract year.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £8,000,000 excluding VAT
- £9,600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2028
- Possible extension to 31 August 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The Council may at its sole discretion extend the duration of this Agreement for a further maximum period of up to twenty-four (24) calendar months commencing on the third anniversary of the Service Commencement Date.

The Council may serve such extension notice(s) on as many occasions as it shall think fit provided that the duration of such extensions shall not in total exceed twenty-four (24) calendar months from the fifth anniversary of the Service Commencement Date.

### **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

## **Contract locations**

- UKH3 - Essex

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

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

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## **Submission**

### **Tender submission deadline**

23 May 2025, 12:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

<https://procontract.due-north.com/>

**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

### **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

### **Award decision date (estimated)**

8 July 2025

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### **Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Quality	Quality	60%
Price	Price	30%
Social Value	Quality	10%

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### **Other information**

#### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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### **Procedure**

#### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

## **Special regime**

Light touch

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Essex County Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government