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Planning

Suffolk Appropriate Adults Service

Suffolk County Council

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Scope

Reference

PA0037

Description

The Council seeks to retender its commissioned appropriate adults offer. The Council intends to commission a core service recruiting, co-ordinating, and training volunteers to provide Appropriate Adults as required for young people and vulnerable adults where entitled under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.

Total value (estimated)

- £480,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2028
- Possible extension to 30 September 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Engagement

Engagement deadline

2 April 2026

Engagement process description

Suffolk County Council is exploring provider capabilities in relation to delivering an Appropriate Adults service young people and adults as specified in the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. The Council intends for this service to be a primarily volunteer delivered offer where the provider delivers a core co-ordination, training, and recruitment offer. The Council expects to contract with such a provider who can demonstrate close partnership working, control of costs, and adaptable in relation to emerging lived-experience accounts and best practice.

A questionnaire is provided for prospective providers to provide feedback on the commissioning priorities identified by the Council and identify the volume of interest in bidders for this contract.

The Council may need to discuss responses in more detail with interested providers and therefore contract details are requested. It is expected any follow-up discussions will take place no later than Thursday 2nd April.

Questionnaire link: <https://forms.office.com/e/LDQSUvtXhZ>

-Questionnaire closes 5pm Monday 16th March 2026-

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 June 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Suffolk County Council

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