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Planning

Children's advocacy and Independent Visitors

Cheshire East Council

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Scope

Reference

C4311

Description

The provision of Children and Young People's Advocacy and Independent Visitor Service.

Advocacy and Independent visitors form an integral part of the overall local offer for children and Young People in Cheshire East ensuring that our statutory duty as a local authority is met.

The Advocacy and Independent Visitor provision includes various advocacy and independent visitor programs - please refer to the specification.

Total value (estimated)

- £625,000 excluding VAT
- £750,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKD62 - Cheshire East

Engagement

Engagement deadline

9 May 2025

Engagement process description

Cheshire East Council is conducting a soft market testing exercise to understand interest from providers in the delivery of Advocacy and Independent visitors.

Advocacy and Independent visitors form an integral part of the overall local offer for children and Young People in Cheshire East ensuring that our statutory duty as a local authority is met. The current service design of commissioned services will be reviewed to ensure that the re-commission focuses on achieving the 7 outcomes of the Children and Young People's Plan 2022-2026. The re-commission will also focus on achieving greater value for money and effectiveness for children, young people and their families.

Cheshire East Council would like to gain insight from providers who may be interested in providing these services in Cheshire East. Your feedback will help to inform future commissioning intentions. For more information, please refer to the attached questionnaire and return your responses via email to StrongStartCommissioning@cheshireeast.gov.uk. The deadline to respond is Friday 9th May: 16:00pm

The questionnaire can be accessed via the Chest from below link/reference:

<https://procontract.due-north.com/RFx/RFxSummary?rfxId=190282c6-d524-f011-8136-005056b64545&projectId=bb00f588-d324-f011-8136-005056b64545#>

Chest Ref: DN772936

Please note, suppliers need to register on the Chest please visit www.the-chest.org.uk, and select the "register free" option.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 October 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Cheshire East Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTWR-7124-XZXQ

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government