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Planning

## **Soft Market Test for Emergency Foster Care Provision**

Cornwall Council

F01: Prior information notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03dfd7

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

UKK - South West (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Soft Market Test for Emergency Foster Care Provision

Reference number

DN678374

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

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Emergency foster care ensures children in care have somewhere safe to stay for anywhere from one night to up to 28 days. Emergency Foster Care provision might be required whilst family members can be found, children return home, or an alternative longer-term option can be identified.

Cornwall Council are seeking your opinion; and would like to hear from providers who might already have experience of; or wanting to deliver emergency foster care provision. We would like to understand what options are available and hear about the current challenges.

Cornwall is a large rural geographical area, so it is important that providers understand the requirements and challenges this entails.

It is intended that the responses supplied will enable the Council to consider future options, which might include a pilot project or partnership approach. Any future provision would be subject to development and approval and, as such, this exercise implies no commercial commitment. This is not a formal tender document.

Participation of this soft market assessment will not prejudice suppliers participating in any future procurement.

If you are interested in this area of service provision and also helping with our assessment of the market, please complete the "Information Required" section at the end of this notice along with any additional information you consider to be relevant and return this via the Due North system by 12pm (noon) on Tuesday 18th July 2023.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £250,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 April 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No