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Planning

Parenting Interventions

Suffolk County Council

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

updated contact details and email address

Scope

Reference

PA0006

Description

Suffolk County Council (SCC) are seeking to commission four evidence-based parenting programmes to be delivered virtually to improve parenting skills, parent-child relationships, child behaviour, reducing parental stress and improve parent and child well-being, to form part of our Parent Journey support offer for families.

Parenting interventions play an important role in supporting parental mental health by reflecting on experience, building parenting skills and strengthening parent-child relationships.

We are seeking providers who can deliver on-line evidence-based parenting programmes that help strengthen families' response and resilience in the face of challenges and improve both parent and child outcomes. The requirements can be summarised as below:

- Provide a minimum of two courses (group-based interventions) over 12-month period with (10-16 parents) - with flexibility to offer day, evening or possibly weekend sessions (to be determined)
- Parents would predominately be identified by SCC Family Help teams (actively being case worked)
- Evaluation of completion and outcome provided to commissioner. establish systems for ongoing monitoring of outcomes and delivery. Tools such as implementation checklists, supervision, and regular reviews of participant feedback can identify areas for improvement and ensure interventions meet parents' needs
- The expectation is that the provider would provide all course materials and contact parent, pre, mid and post course, and courses would be delivered by accredited / registered practitioners who are able to build rapport, provide non-judgmental support, and foster stable relationships over time

A price per course will be agreed for the following:

Lot (Programme) One - Supporting parents to build and strengthen parent child attachment and relationships:

- To provide a focus on relationships and nurturing connected, sensitive and responsive interactions between parent and child which support emotional health and wellbeing
- Introduction to infant, early childhood and adolescent brain development, three concepts of containment, reciprocity, and behaviour management to facilitate the understanding of

relationships and how to apply this in different contexts for any parent with a child between the ages of 0 and 18

Lot (Programme) Two - Supporting Parents with children with additional needs or a disability:

- To provide positive parenting approaches to support parents help understand and adapt their approaches to support their child's needs so that they can reach their potential
- For parents or caregivers of children aged 0-12 with a developmental disability, such as Down's syndrome or Autistic Spectrum Disorder, as well as moderate or severe behavioural problem
- Supporting parents develop strategies for managing their child's behaviour and providing advice to help their child become more independent. Changing a potential problem behaviour into a positive behaviour

Lot (Programme) Three - Supporting Parents with Teenagers:

- To provide improved family communication through learning how to really listen and decode what your re-teen/teenager is really saying or needing
- Focusing on parenting skills and knowledge, adolescent behaviour and mental health. Increase parents' knowledge of effective behaviour management skills and sensitively responding to pre-teen/teenagers psychological, physical and emotional needs

Lot (Programme) Four - Supporting Parents:

- To provide parents with simple and practical strategies to help them build strong, healthy relationships, confidently manage their children's behaviour and prevent problems developing.
- Create supportive family environments, preventing and managing, behavioural and emotional problems in children and teenager
- Equipping parents with the skills and confidence they need to be able to manage any family issue. parenting strategies focus on developing positive relationships, attitudes and conduct

NB: We do not envisage placing any restrictions on the number of lots that providers will be able to bid for (or be awarded). In other words, providers will be able to bid for one or multiple lots (in any combination).

Total value (estimated)

- £150,000 excluding VAT
- £180,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 September 2025 to 14 September 2027
- Possible extension to 14 September 2028
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

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

Contract locations

- UKH1 - East Anglia

Engagement

Engagement deadline

28 May 2025

Engagement process description

SCC are holding a virtual market engagement event between 9.15am - 10.30am on Wednesday 28th May 2025.

The main purpose of the market engagement event is to help SCC identify providers that may be able to supply the services required.

We may also use the feedback obtained to help us develop our requirements and our approach to the procurement, as well as any subsequent tender notice/documentation.

To request an invite to this event, please email us at: jacqueline.dyer@suffolk.gov.uk

Potential providers are also encouraged to register for our e-tendering portal at: <https://intendhost.co.uk/suffolksourcing.aspx/Registration> (if not already done so).

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

19 June 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Suffolk County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVH-1657-HHMOV

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