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Planning

D2 Two 2-bed Collaborative Children's Homes for Young People with Complex Mental Health needs

Derby City Council

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Scope

Reference

TD2251

Description

The D2 Collaborative Children's home vision and approach:

The aim is to deliver robust, needs-based provision that supports the health, therapeutic, care, and education needs of children and young people.

This includes providing stable, intensive therapeutic support with trained care staff who follow consistent, multi-agency support plans.

The approach looks to reduce fragmented care by establishing clearer joint processes and escalation pathways across Health and Social Care.

In partnership with providers the service should be flexible and dynamic, offering

wraparound support that continues as the child or young person transitions to their next home.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 November 2025 to 2 November 2030
- Possible extension to 2 November 2034
- 9 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKF11 - Derby

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 May 2025

Engagement process description

A provider event was held in April:

Key Details of the Event

- Date and Time: Thursday 10th April, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 11.30 AM
- Location: Virtual
- Target Audience: Providers of Ofsted-registered residential care for children in care within the D2N2 region and neighbouring areas.
- Eligibility: Providers interested in the delivery of the tender.
- Attendees: 20 providers attended

Purpose of the Event

The primary aim of the event was:

? Information sharing of Derby City's and Derbyshire County Councils intention to go to market for a provider to deliver the D2 Collaborative Specialist Children's Homes model in partnership with the NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board / Joined Up Care Derbyshire.

? Scene setting and key updates since November 2024. Derby City Council will provide the property with planning permission granted for 12 months initially with a view to extending this further. The provider to provide accommodation and support for Derbyshire County council.

? The D2 Collaborative Children's home vision and approach - The aim is to deliver robust, needs-based provision that supports the health, therapeutic, care, and education needs of children and young people. This includes providing stable, intensive therapeutic support with trained care staff who follow consistent, multi-agency support plans. The approach looks to reducing fragmented care by establishing clearer joint processes and escalation pathways across Health and Social Care. In partnership with providers, the service should be flexible and dynamic, offering wraparound support that continues as the child or young person transitions to their next home.

? Key principles - The goal is to provide empowering, nurturing, and compassionate care that is evidence-based (e.g., trauma-informed, Positive Behaviour Support) and centred on the child or young person. Care will be solution-focused, built on strong relationships, and delivered by a consistent, skilled staff team. Staff will have expertise in neurodiversity,

communication, and mental health. There will be a continuous commitment to innovation and collaborative improvement of the service offer. Open and transparent partnership working across all agencies. Commitment to delivery of stability of placement, with move on to any other setting being in the best interests of the child and agreed by the Team around the Child. Commitment to taking a Think Family approach. Assessment and future placement planning, to ensure a future placement meets the longer-term needs of the child /young person. SEND and physical needs met of all children through partners working collaboratively to achieve this. All homes to be safe and offer a fit for purpose environment that is agreed by all partners.

? Indicative Timelines: It was confirmed that the tender is expected to be released in June 2025. Providers were directed to relevant websites where the tender will be advertised and were encouraged to register for updates to stay informed.

? Key Contacts: Main points of contact for both Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council were shared with providers to support any future enquiries.

? Provider Queries - Location: Providers raised questions regarding geographical requirements. The Local Authorities clarified that there is no restriction on the location of a provider's head office. The primary concern is the delivery of services and ensuring that the two homes proposed are within the specified distance parameters outlined in the tender.

A copy of the Powerpoint presentation shown at the event is available.

For further information, any additional comments you wish to make, or for an informal discussion please contact:

Derby City Council contact -

ChildrensCommissioningAndMarketManagement@derby.gov.uk

Derbyshire County Council contact - CS.ContractsChildreninCare@derbyshire.gov.uk

no later than 31st May 2025.

PLEASE NOTE - THIS IS NOT AN INVITATION TO TENDER.

Tender documents will be issued in June/July 2025 and will be available at www.eastmidstenders.org

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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