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Pipeline

## Children Residential Care

Hampshire County Council

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## Scope

## Reference

CS24772

## Description

In Hampshire, like the national picture, we are seeing a growing need for children's residential placements. Specifically, we have an increasing need for residential care for those children between the ages of 12 (and most commonly 14) - 17, up to the age of 18.

We have seen an increase in children who have higher needs due to trauma, dysregulated or challenging behaviour and poor mental health. For this cohort of children it takes much longer to find a suitable residential setting, which can mean these children spend time in temporary placements and/or arrangement that do not meet their needs.

Our aim is always to identify suitable placements, close to the child's family home, where appropriate, enabling the child to maintain their social and support networks, including access to health and education. In Hampshire circa. 60% of the approximate 190 children we care for in Residential settings are placed outside of Council's geographical area.

What we are looking to do:

To address our sufficiency duty we are looking to commission new children's homes specifically for Hampshire children with complex or challenging needs.

We anticipate undertaking a tender exercise to commission:

- Solo homes for children with the highest / most complex needs
- 1 x multi bed setting with a focus on supporting children with Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties which may also include challenging behaviours, poor mental health and/or neurodiverse conditions.

We would be looking at a rapid mobilisation period to increase sufficiency and enable placements as soon as possible. For this reason, we are looking for organisation who either; have identified and committed to development or expansion as part of their growth business model; have plans already in place for the identification and development of a new home or those who are in the process of registering a setting that could meet the need(s).

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £35,000,000 excluding VAT
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### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2030
- 5 years

### **Main category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

## **Contract locations**

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

18 July 2025

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## **Procedure**

### **Special regime**

Light touch

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Hampshire County Council**

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government