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Planning

Children's Home-Based Care Services

London Borough of Hounslow

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Scope

Description

The London Borough of Hounslow (LBH) Children's Commissioning Team is seeking to engage with suitably qualified suppliers to participate in Soft Market Testing for the provision of Children's Home-Based Care services.

The information we gain through our market engagement will help to inform our commissioning intentions and refine our specification for these services.

It should be noted that this engagement is not a formal tendering process. Participation in this exercise is completely voluntary and submitting, or not submitting a response, would not preclude you from any further procurement activity. We are keen however, to engage as wide a market as possible to draw on your expertise and experiences and would therefore encourage you to participate.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 26 January 2026 to 24 January 2031

- Possible extension to 25 January 2033
- 7 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation

Contract locations

- UKI - London

Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 June 2025

Engagement process description

The Council is holding an online providers Market Engagement event on 6th June 2025 at 11am to 12:30pm. For details and the invite link to join the event please email procurement@hounslow.gov.uk. reference your request Children's Home- Based Care Services. Some of these questions will be explained and explored further during the provider's event.

The deadline for submission of this Soft Market Testing is 17:00hrs on 3rd June 2025.

Please email the completed questionnaire to procurement@hounslow.gov.uk reference: Children's Home- Based Care Services

To access the Soft Market Testing document please register using below link:

<https://procontract.due-north.com/register> and complete the registration information.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

25 November 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

London Borough of Hounslow

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government