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Planning

Market Engagement for Healthwatch Suffolk

Suffolk County Council

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKH14 - Suffolk

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

www.suffolksourcing.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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Market Engagement for Healthwatch Suffolk

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Suffolk County Council (SCC) is seeking to procure a provider for the statutory provision of Healthwatch Suffolk services, in accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2012, as amended in June 2022.

The Act mandates the establishment of Local Healthwatch to empower citizens and communities in influencing and challenging the provision of health and social care services.

SCC is obligated under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to ensure effective operation of Local Healthwatch within its jurisdiction.

Local Healthwatch plays a crucial role in improving health and social care outcomes by engaging with the community to influence and monitor services. It helps people maintain employment, stability in their homes, social activity and education, while also reducing pressure on carers.

By addressing health inequalities, Local Healthwatch contributes to reducing demand on healthcare services.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,955,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services
- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services
- 85312310 - Guidance services
- 85320000 - Social services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Suffolk County Council is seeking to engage with organisations that deliver Healthwatch services or related services in to gain market insights and help shape the future service provision in Suffolk.

We invite you to complete a Soft Market Testing Questionnaire via Microsoft Forms, designed to help us better understand market capabilities and inform our procurement strategy:

<https://forms.office.com/e/0kJkJAkcLC>

The questionnaire marks the initial stage of our market engagement process. Based on the level of interest, we may offer an additional stage, which could involve 1:1 sessions conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams to discuss the requirements in more detail. However, please note that a second stage may not be necessary.

Please submit your response to the questionnaire by 8th September 2024.

This notice is part of a preliminary market consultation and does not constitute a call for competition to procure any services at this stage.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 September 2024

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: Yes