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## **Integrated Community Equipment Loan Service, for Essex County Council & Partners**

Essex County Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**NUTS code**

UKH3 - Essex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.essex.gov.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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Integrated Community Equipment Loan Service, for Essex County Council & Partners

Reference number

DN635614

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Provision of community equipment, by way of an Integrated Community Equipment Loan Service (ICELS), to people of all ages and needs across Essex, providing such items as commodes, beds, shower chairs and hoists, as well as adaptations such as grab rails and chair raisers.

This Prior Information Notice is being issued to advise the market that Essex County Council are publishing a draft Service Specification for this requirement, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, ahead of the commencement of the tender process to allow potential bidders additional time to review and understand the scope and scale of the requirements.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £125,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

## **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Provision of community equipment, by way of an Integrated Community Equipment Loan Service (ICELS), to people of all ages and needs across Essex, providing such items as commodes, beds, shower chairs and hoists, as well as adaptations such as grab rails and chair raisers.

The ICELS complements other Council services such as reablement and domiciliary care support, with the aim of promoting independence and to enable people to gain, regain and maintain skills, as well as helping prevent hospital admissions. There is a sustained increase in demand for faster delivery of community equipment to support the Home First ambition and the Discharge to Assess pathways. Essex County Council are looking to procure a streamlined, cost-effective, efficient, and responsive community equipment service for Essex, which aims to deliver social value and climate action as a fundamental part of the service and will bring the service in line with the requirements of today's health and care system.

The new ICELS contract to which this tender relates is due to be mobilised and operational for 1st July 2023.

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## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £125,000,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option for extension of contract up to 24 months

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

11 November 2022

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Essex County Council will be the sole contracting party, with partners accessing the Services for Essex residents via Council's contract.

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