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A New Secure Children's Home for London

LONDON COUNCILS LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

LIIA SCH PME

Description

***UPDATE*:**

London Councils thanks those that have already submitted a questionnaire in response to the earlier published Preliminary Market Engagement Notice. This has been appreciated, and we now wish to alert the market of the continuance of the Market Engagement until August.

The questionnaire therefore is now open until Friday 1 August 2025 in order to continue collecting responses. If you have already responded, we will respond to you in due course.

Note about the dates published in this notice:

The dates published in this notice are best estimates. The timeline for any future procurement process is dependent on the outcome of this preliminary market engagement exercise, the outcome of the planning permission process and conclusion of relevant local authority governance processes.

For further information / broader project updates:

Website: <https://www.liia.london/londons-secure-childrens-home-and-plv/>

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London Councils is the collective of London local government, the 32 boroughs and the City of London Corporation (together, the 'London local authorities'). These organisations come together through London Councils to work in collaboration to deliver their shared ambitions for London and Londoners.

London Councils is working with London local authorities to design and deliver a much-needed secure children's home with step-down / transition accommodation in London ('Pan London SCH'). There is no service of this kind in the capital.

The proposed provision will provide residential care, education, health and wellbeing services within a safe and secure environment for highly vulnerable children with complex needs. It will also provide a home for children who no longer need to live within a secure environment but will need a period of extra care and support to help them achieve a positive transition back into the community.

The outline service model

London local authorities will oversee and share the responsibilities of the Pan London SCH via a not-for-profit company that will be wholly owned by London local authorities, currently known as the Pan London Vehicle for Children's Complex Commissioning Ltd ('PLVCCC Ltd').

The aim is for PLVCCC Ltd to commission a delivery partner (provider or group of providers) to run the provision on its behalf and in partnership with an NHS health provider.

The plan is to appoint the delivery partner well in advance of the completion of construction works so that they can play a lead role in service development, set up and implementation activities. The intention is for the provision to scale up in phases until it reaches the optimum / most economic occupancy level, taking into account likely demand at the time.

The main source of ongoing revenue for the Pan London SCH will come from placements made by individual local authorities and additional funding would support the setup, implementation and scale up period.

Please be aware that a location for the proposed SCH has been identified, however construction of the new provision has not yet commenced - the project is currently in the pre planning application stage.

Read about the Pan London SCH project here: <https://www.liia.london/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/About-the-Pan-London-SCH-project.pdf>

Engagement process

Prior to the commencement of a potential procurement, we wish to engage with organisations who would be interested in delivering services for the Pan London SCH, and/or have experience of delivering similar services.

The aim of the engagement process is to:

- Inform the market of this potential procurement opportunity.
- Gain an understanding of the market's capacity and appetite to participate in a potential procurement process.
- Help us understand risks and issues not previously considered and gain insight into potential solutions.
- Work collaboratively with providers to understand how services for the Pan London SCH could be best commissioned and provided.
- Inform the consideration of options for the future service model.
- Inform the next stage business case and procurement strategy.
- Develop an approach to commissioning services for the Pan London SCH that reflects the views of providers.

Preliminary market engagement questionnaire

Your views are important to us, and important to our next steps.

As part of the engagement process, London Councils has developed this questionnaire - the insights gathered will help shape the commissioning and procurement requirements, vision and approach ahead of more formal market engagement activities in the near

future.

This questionnaire is not a call for competition and any future procurement process will be compliant with the Procurement Act 2023.

Information submitted will be treated in confidence, will not be individually identified or revealed to third parties and will not prejudice any provider from participating in a future procurement.

Any information marked as commercially sensitive will be treated as such. Please identify any information which should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity, providing reasons and the period for which the information will remain sensitive.

Please note, issuing this questionnaire and carrying out future market engagement does not commit London Councils, PLVCCC Ltd or London local authorities to commence any related procurement process.

Interested parties are requested to complete and submit this questionnaire by Friday 6 June 2025.

Any questions please contact newlondonsch@londoncouncils.gov.uk

Questionnaire can be located here : <https://forms.office.com/e/C7f7grLith>

Interested Economic Operators can view additional information at www.proactisplaza.com > register as supplier (if not already) > access London Councils > search for Preliminary Market Engagement, Secure Children's Home.

Additional CPVs which could be in scope are:

85000000-9 - Health and social work services

85311000-2 - Social work services with accommodation

85311300-5 - Welfare services for children and young people

85300000-2 - Social work and related services

85310000-5 - Social work services

80000000-4 - Education and training services

80210000-9 - Technical and vocational secondary education services

80211000-6 - Technical secondary education services

80212000-3 - Vocational secondary education services

80340000-9 - Special education services

The relevant codes from the list in your email are highlighted in yellow below.

7512 1000 Admin Educational Services

8000 0000 Education and Training Services

8010 0000 Primary Education Services

8020 0000 Secondary Education Services

8030 0000 Higher Education Services

8031 0000 Youth Education Services

7512 2000 Admin Health and Care Services

8510 0000 Health Services

Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 April 2028 to 29 April 2038
- Possible extension to 29 April 2043
- 15 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 June 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

London Councils would welcome communication from interested economic operators via the Proactis Portal, and would ask for completion of an on-line questionnaire which can be located here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/C7f7grLith>

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

31 August 2027

Contracting authority

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