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Planning

## **Strength and Balance Service for West, Mid, Southwest and Southeast Essex**

Essex County Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-033437

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04ad06

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKH3 - Essex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/>

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**

Strength and Balance Service for West, Mid, Southwest and Southeast Essex

Reference number

DN747972

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

The aim of the strength and balance training service is to reduce the risk of falls, thereby improving health outcomes and reducing demands on health and social care services. This service offers expert instruction for those at risk of falling to improve their muscular strength and balance to reduce the risk and fear of falls improving individuals' wellbeing and their long-term independence. The service is most used by those who are elderly and frail. The service will be recommissioned and delivered in West, Mid-, Southwest and Southeast Essex.

Essex County Council is intending to utilise the competitive process under the Provider Selection Regime for the re-commissioning of this service. The Council is also holding a market engagement session for prospective bidders for this service to provide an overview of the requirement as well as provide an opportunity to interested providers to ask questions.

The market engagement event will take place at 10.30 am via Microsoft Teams on 25 October 2024.

The intention for the market engagement is to:

- present the service aims and objectives;
- explore how providers may be able to add social value to this contract;
- gain insight into any challenges and/or lessons learned providers may be able to share;
- an opportunity to ask questions and/or raise any other areas providers may see as relevant.

The commissioning team will present the service requirements and take suitable notes during the event to inform the commissioning of these decisions. Providers will also have the opportunity to send any additional questions they may have during or up to 48 hours after the event, and these will be recorded and shared afterwards.

If you are interested in attending the virtual event, please register by emailing [rizwan.sher@essex.gov.uk](mailto:rizwan.sher@essex.gov.uk) and provide the following details by no later than 2.00 pm, 24 October 2024.

1. Names and email addresses of delegates

2. Organisation name

Please note that registration at this event does not count as registration for the full procurement process, which will be separately advertised via the Find a Tender Service (FTS) website in due course. The service will be commissioned via a competitive process conducted in line with the Provider Selection Regime for Healthcare Services 2023. For the avoidance of any further doubt, please be advised that any dates for the proposed procurement opportunity within this notice are provided for indicative purposes only and the Council reserves the right to amend this information following confirmation of the procurement timetable for this project.

Full details of the structure of this procurement and associated timetable will be detailed within the corresponding Contract Notice in due course.

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

Value excluding VAT: £3,821,855

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

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

28 November 2024

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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**

This service shall be re-commissioned through the competitive process under the Provider Selection Regime.