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Planning

Market Testing for Block Contracts for Residential Care Homes (with or without Nursing) for Older People

Warwickshire County Council

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Scope

Reference

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Description

This is a preliminary market engagement exercise. The Council is seeking views from providers of residential care (with or without nursing care) on the future commissioning of block bed arrangements in Warwickshire.

The Council currently holds block contracts for 258 beds in care homes in Warwickshire for people aged 65+.

The Council pays a rate of around £750 per bed per week for an allocation of beds with each contracted provider and the provider and the Council work to ensure that the utilisation of this capacity is managed closely and void levels are at a minimum during the contract.

The Council and the providers recognise that the block contracts have a number of benefits:

Confirmed supply of beds at affordable rates for WCC;

Reliable demand and income for the care homes;

Faster referral and admission times, and minimal contracting admin for each new person moving into a block bed.

The Council wishes to increase the number of beds it block contracts. This would include more beds at the current block rate levels, but the Council would also be interested in care home providers proposals about block contracting for services to meet the needs of people with higher support needs than could be arranged at the current fee levels.

If you have any questions regarding this Market testing exercise, then please contact absa@warwickshire.gov.uk or raise a query using the correspondence function.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2031
- Possible extension to 31 July 2033
- 7 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKG13 - Warwickshire

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 August 2025

Engagement process description

The process is as detailed in the Market Testing document.

To take access this and take part in the process you will need to access the documents on our tendering portal:

Warwickshire County Council will be using its e-tendering system (CSW-JETS) for the administration of this market testing process. Providers must register with the system to be able to express an interest and download documents. The web address for CSW-JETS is:

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/csw-jets.aspx/Home>

Registration and use of CSW-JETS is free. All correspondence or clarifications relating to this market testing must be via the CSWJETS

correspondence function. If you are having trouble registering with CSW-JETS please email us at: procurement@warwickshire.gov.uk

Providers must register on CSW-JETS and express an interest in this project and be able to correspond with us about this exercise.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Warwickshire County Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government