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Planning

Workforce Development Services for Care Providers in Suffolk

Suffolk County Council

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Scope

Reference

PA0027

Description

Workforce development is a key area of support by the local authority to the adult care market and an important component in enabling Suffolk County Council (SCC), Adult Social Care (ASC) to meet statutory responsibilities relating to commissioning under the Care Act.

The overarching requirement of this service is to support the care market regarding the forecast of the future needs of Suffolk customers. To increase awareness of good practice, have a stable workforce, encourage a positive culture with increased staff retention.

To work with the council to identify and address gaps in the Suffolk social care workforce skills and training to enable them to deliver a range of care and support, from promoting

independence to complex care. And work closely and positively, with all stakeholders to improve market capacity and better equipped to develop and be sustainable.

Estimated date of publication of Tender Notice : 16th September 2025. This is estimated and subject to change.

The VAT included is 20% Standard Rate however in some circumstances VAT may be exempt or chargeable at a different rate.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,000,000 excluding VAT
- £2,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2029
- Possible extension to 28 February 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

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

Contract locations

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Engagement

Engagement deadline

7 August 2025

Engagement process description

Interested Providers are requested to complete a questionnaire - the deadline for this is 7 Aug

From this the commissioner may contact providers who have made pertinent comments relating to the service

Comments may have influence on the specification and points that could affect the evaluation criteria

Link for Market Engagement Questionnaire

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7GqcEEZQIUqPPIT2O6GK9HLcCX-syTtEk4X3GALxfF5UM0NIMFNGRzRWS0hGSTZEUDNXM1BTTktLQS4u>

Potential providers are also encouraged to register for our e-tendering portal at: <https://intendhost.co.uk/suffolksourcing.aspx/Registration> (if not already done so).

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

16 September 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Suffolk County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVH-1657-HHMOV

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government