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Planning

Provision of Suitable Housing for Separated Young Adults 18+

Cumberland Council

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Scope

Description

Cumberland Council is looking to engage with providers with capacity and the required skills and experience to deliver a service for the Provision of Suitable Housing for Separated Young Adults 18+.

Separated young people are aged less than 18 years arriving in the UK unaccompanied by a parent or guardian, and who claim asylum. On entry to the UK, these young people become cared for by Cumberland Council.

When a separated young person reaches the age of 18, (become a young adult), under Sections 23C-E and 24 of the Children Act, as amended by the Children Leaving Care Act 2000, Local Authorities continue to have duties and powers in respect of separated young adults.

Before receiving right to remain, the young adults have no recourse to public funds and therefore cannot enter into tenancy agreements for a home. This service seeks to provide suitable accommodation for these young adults. In addition to accommodation an element of low level support will also be required to negotiate the right to remain process, and

once acquired, to support the young adults to find permanent homes and access all benefit entitlements.

Although the service specification is in the development stage, delivery of this service will include provision of the accommodation for the young adults as well as staff to provide the low level support as outlined above. Staff will need to be appropriately trained and in receipt of ongoing support.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £1,076,400 excluding VAT
- £1,291,680 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 24 January 2026 to 23 January 2028
- Possible extension to 23 January 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

Contract locations

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Engagement

Engagement deadline

18 August 2025

Engagement process description

We are inviting all providers interested in delivering this service to attend our provider engagement session on the 18th August 2025 at 1 pm via Microsoft Teams.

During this session, the following will be covered:

- The outline commissioning plan
- Expectations of the service
- The tender process

The Council welcomes the views of providers and there will be an opportunity for providers to ask questions.

To reserve a space on the provider engagement session please send an email to Alice Clague, Commissioning Officer using the following email address: alice.clague@cumberland.gov.uk by 5pm 12th August 2025.

A Microsoft Teams invite link and agenda will be sent to all providers who register an interest before the deadline (12th August 2025, 5pm.)

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Cumberland Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJGX-9191-DYLV

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government