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Planning

Market Engagement - Healthy Child Programme (0-19 years), Best Start Service and Family Centre Services

London Borough of Waltham Forest

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Scope

Reference

DN783981

Description

As part of our commitment to transparent and inclusive commissioning, we are conducting a Market Engagement Exercise to better understand the capacity, interest, and innovation within the provider market. We invite you to complete the attached Market Engagement Questionnaire, which will help inform the design and delivery model of future services.

Your feedback will be used to:

- 1) Shape the service specification
- 2) Identify opportunities for integration and innovation
- 3) Ensure the commissioned services meet local needs and reduce health inequalities

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This recommissioning of these services will be divided into the following three lots:

Lot 1: Children and Family Centre Service: To provide a wide range of universal stay and play sessions aligned to the early year's foundation seven stages of learning, being ready to learn in preparation for school readiness, group programmes for targeted groups such as for children with SEND and mothers with postnatal depression and 1:1 support for families with young children.

Lot 2: Best Start Service 0-5: To improve health outcomes for young children and to reduce health and social inequalities by providing access to early intervention and prevention in the key areas of early feeding and nutrition, healthy weight and oral health. The service focuses on the delivery of high impact areas 1, 2, 3 & 4 of the Healthy Child Programme. The service offers a range of drop-in services, workshops, group programmes and 1:1 support for families with young children. It also provides training and support for the wider workforce.

Lot 3: Healthy Child Programme 0-19: The Waltham Forest Healthy Child Programme 0-19 is an integrated Healthy Child Programme service, consisting of a Health Visiting service, a School Nursing Service, and a Family Nurse Partnership. The aim of the Healthy Child Programme 0-19 service is to improve outcomes for children and their families and reduce inequalities; to lead on and deliver the local Healthy Child Programme 0 - 5 and 5 - 19 and to give Waltham Forest children the best possible start in life.

Total value (estimated)

- £24,000,000 excluding VAT
- £30,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2031

- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85100000 - Health services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

13 August 2025

Engagement process description

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This is not a formal tender process, but an opportunity to contribute to the development of a high-quality, equitable, and sustainable public health service.

The deadline for completed responses to be submitted via the London Tenders Portal is Wednesday 13th August 2025.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

2 February 2026

Contracting authority

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