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Planning

Unregulated Alternative Provision / Education other than in school or college - Social, Emotional, Mental Health (SEMH) and Vocational Framework

Norfolk County Council

UK2: Preliminary market engagement notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

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Scope

Reference

NCCT43184

Description

Norfolk County Council are developing a new Framework for Unregulated Alternative Provision / Education other than in school or college - Social, Emotional, Mental Health (SEMH) and Vocational, that will enable a fair and transparent process to manage how we commission and work in partnership with providers. The Framework will secure consistent approaches to safeguarding and sufficient choice for children and young people (CYP).

Contract length has not yet been fixed by Norfolk County Council. Final contract length will be set in the Tender Notice after market engagement. The contract Value is an estimate, and will depend on usage.

The criteria for the service would encompass the safeguarding of CYP and their outcomes.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £60,000,000 excluding VAT
- £72,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 28 January 2026 to 27 January 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk

Engagement

Engagement deadline

7 October 2025

Engagement process description

There will be two Market Engagement sessions to support providers with the tendering process and it looks like.

Market engagement 1 (11th September 2025 1pm-2pm)

Discussion points

- Why do we need a framework?
- Key performance indicators
- Quality Assurance
- Procurement

Market engagement 2 (25th September 2025 1pm -2pm)

Discussion points:

- Why do we need a framework?
- Key performance indicators
- Quality Assurance

- Procurement

Interested parties will need to register their interest for the market engagement on In-Tend and a separate invite will be sent. Applicants must first be registered on <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc> (<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>) Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/BUYERPROFILES> (<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/BUYERPROFILE>). Once registered you will be able to see the procurement project under 'tenders' section and 'express an interest'. Please then use the correspondence facility to let us know that you are interested in attending a market engagement session(s).

The procurement, once issued, will also be managed via In-Tend.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

7 November 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Norfolk County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDYH-3246-XWTR

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Region: UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government