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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

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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.

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.

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

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

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

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
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Lot 1. Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Provision

Description

supporting CYP who experience difficulties in managing their emotions and behaviour.

Lot value (estimated)

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

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Vocational unregulated alternative provision

Description

supporting CYP in obtaining qualifications in their commissioned setting

Lot value (estimated)

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

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Provision

Lot 2. Vocational unregulated alternative provision

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

7 November 2025

Tender submission deadline

8 December 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

This procurement will be managed electronically via the Council's e-procurement system. To participate in this procurement, 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.aspx/BuyerProfiles> (<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc.aspx/BuyerProfile>). Once registered you will be able to see the procurement project under 'tenders' section and 'express an interest' to view the documentation. If you encounter any difficulties whilst using the system you can contact the In-tend support team by phoning +448442728810 or emailing support@in-tend.co.uk

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

27 January 2026

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Norfolk County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDYH-3246-XWTR

County Hall, Martineau Lane

Norwich

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United Kingdom

Email: sourcingteam@norfolk.gov.uk

Region: UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government