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Planning

WCC Market Testing for the provision of a Framework for Supported Lodgings for Warwickshire Young People and Separated Children aged 16 - 21

Warwickshire County Council

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Scope

Reference

WAR-0005

Description

Current provision

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) has a blend of externally commissioned and in-house supported lodgings provision.

The in-house provision currently relies on a young person in need of accommodation and support due to family breakdown or leaving care identifying an adult/family they would like to live with such as a relative, former foster carer, family friend or a friend's parents. The necessary checks are completed by the Leaving Care Team before the arrangement is approved.

The commissioned service is responsible for recruiting, inducting, training, and supporting hosts to provide accommodation and support to young people in a safe home environment. Providers offer support, on-going training and supervision to the host(s) and support to the young person throughout the duration of the placement.

Why do WCC want to engage with the market?

The current framework for supported lodgings is due to expire on 31st July 2026. WCC is keen not only to continue to provide supported lodgings as an option for young people needing accommodation and support and increase the numbers of hosts, but also to explore how such services could be extended to include:

- Emergency out of hours/overnight placements
- Short term emergency accommodation for young people in crisis and at risk of homelessness pending assessment and/or a longer-term solution
- An enhanced and/or flexible, tiered model to provide for young people with higher support needs
- Parent and child placements
- Sibling placements.

The council would welcome the opportunity to engage with providers who can demonstrate experience in this market and are able to offer their services to the young people of Warwickshire where they need them within the county. There is occasionally the need for supported lodgings in other areas and interest from national providers would therefore also be welcome.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,486,328 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2030

- Possible extension to 31 July 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

Contract locations

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

16 October 2025

Engagement process description

Warwickshire County Council will be using its e-tendering system (WarwickshireCC) for the administration of this procurement process. Providers must register with the system to be able to express an interest and download documents. The web address for the portal is:

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/warwickshirecc.aspx/Home>

Registration and use of our portal is free. When registering you will be re-directed to the In-Tend sell2midlands site. If you already registered and have issues logging in then you may need to re-set your password. You will need to select "Log in to portal" next to Warwickshire County Council.

All correspondence or clarifications relating to this procurement must be via the portals' correspondence function. If you are having trouble registering with the portal please email us at: procurement@warwickshire.gov.uk

Providers must register on In-Tend and log in to our portal to express an interest in this project and to be able to correspond with us about this procurement.

The deadline for Market Testing Returns is 16th October 2025

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Warwickshire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDTN-5446-NMXW

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