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Planning

Residential Children's Homes

Cornwall Council

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Second Release of Soft Market test to allow for further submissions

Open 26th September 12:00

Close 24th October 12:00

Scope

Reference

DN790117

Description

Supporting children and young people through residential care Cornwall Council is keen to understand providers experience and ideas around the value that innovation partnerships and new approaches could bring to increasing local provision for children's homes within Cornwall. We would welcome hearing about where this has worked previously, or how providers could form a collaborative partnership with the Local Authority to achieve our accommodation sufficiency aims.

Total value (estimated)

- £4,160,000 excluding VAT
- £5,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

24 October 2025

Engagement process description

Cornwall Council is undertaking a soft market assessment to explore the level of interest from providers across the Voluntary, NHS, Independent, and Private sectors in delivering Residential Children's Home services within Cornwall.

This exercise is intended to inform the development of a business proposal ahead of any potential commissioning of local services. Responses will help shape our understanding of the market and guide future service design. Please note, this is not a formal tender and does not represent any commercial commitment. Any costings or service models shared will be treated as indicative and used solely to support strategic planning.

Participation in this soft market assessment will not affect your eligibility to engage in any future procurement processes.

If you are interested in supporting children and young people through residential care and would like to contribute to our market assessment, please complete the "Information Required" section at the end of this notice. You may also include any additional information you feel is relevant.

Please return your response via the Due North / Supplying the South-West messaging system by Friday 24th October at 12:00 and not 23:59 as the system defaults to.

Cornwall Council reserves the right to re open the Soft Market Test should they require further responses from the market.

PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED A RESPONSE THERE IS NO NEED TO RESUBMIT

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

28 November 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Cornwall Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government