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Planning

North Essex Mental Health Recovery College

Essex County Council

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Scope

Description

Essex County Council alongside North Essex ICB are commissioning a recovery college to support adults in Essex experiencing poor mental health in their road to recovery. Supporting adults of Essex to remain well in their community is a priority that drives many of Essex County Councils strategies.

This contract will look to deliver open access support for residents of North Essex to support their mental health recovery. The winning provider will work closely with operational teams across health and social care to ensure that adults with specialist mental health needs are supported. Recovery courses will be co-created, co-designed and co-facilitated with adults with lived experience of mental health and delivered via a hub and spoke model.

Course content will be flexible to meet local demand and will be shaped by those that are accessing the college defining the support they need. There will be a set list of courses that will be continuously delivered that the provider will work with commissioners to develop. Course development will require the development of specific courses to support

local need.

Total value (estimated)

- £200,000 excluding VAT
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Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85312310 - Guidance services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Engagement

Engagement deadline

2 December 2025

Engagement process description

Essex County Council will be holding an engagement event via Microsoft Teams at 10AM on Tuesday 2nd December. This will be to discuss in further detail the requirement, commissioning intentions and full detail around the tender exercise being carried out. Please contact michael.rodway@essex.gov.uk to be added to the invitation list.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

8 December 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Essex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

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Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

NHS SUFFOLK AND NORTH EAST ESSEX INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

Summary of their role in this procurement: Tender evaluation and contract mobilisation support

- NHS Organisation Data Service: QJG
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQPJ-8718-HQTJ

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Region: UKH14 - Suffolk

Contact organisation

Contact Essex County Council for any enquiries.