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Planning

## Essex Future Adoption and Kinship Support Services

Essex County Council

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### Changes to notice

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

RSVP date changed from by Monday 1st December at 12 noon.

to RSVP by Friday 5th December at 12 noon to allow for more response time.

### Scope

### Description

Specialist support services for adoptive and kinship families. This may include but is not limited to training, therapeutic interventions and specialist assessments.

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

## **Contract locations**

- UKH3 - Essex

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## **Engagement**

## **Engagement deadline**

12 December 2025

## **Engagement process description**

Essex County Council invites you to attend a market engagement event to update you on the future of adoption and kinship specialist support services.

Date: 08/12/2025

Time: 10:30 - 12

Location: Microsoft Teams

In this session we will:

- Share details of the upcoming procurement process and the new framework structure
- Explain the changes and adaptations we've introduced to improve service delivery and flexibility
- Gather feedback to refine our requirements

To reserve a place or express interest if you are unable to attend, please confirm on behalf of your organisation by emailing [Isabelle.clarke@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Isabelle.clarke@essex.gov.uk) and [jake.berridge@essex.gov.uk](mailto:jake.berridge@essex.gov.uk) with the following details:

- Organisation name
- Name(s) of attendee(s)
- Contact email address

RSVP by Friday 5th December at 12 noon.

We look forward to your participation and valuable input.

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## Participation

### Particular suitability

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

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### Procedure

### Special regime

Light touch

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### Contracting authority

#### Essex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government