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Planning

Essex Children's Homes Collaboration event

Essex County Council

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Scope

Reference

F013PA

Description

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- Share the Council's initial considerations regarding the procurement structure to gain

market feedback and insight as part of the co-design process. Please note that this section will include an overview of the proposed shortlisting process to identify suitable providers who will form part of a collaborative approach to delivering Essex sufficiency, specifically in relation to emergencies and complexity of need.

- To provide an operational update on work to adapt internal processes in the meantime.

Please note that the focus of this event is strategic in nature, and long-term commissioning. It is not about individual placements. Therefore, it is appropriate for Directors and Owners to attend.

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Explanatory notes:

Please be advised that any information regarding the contract value and contract duration within this notice are provided for indicative purposes to fulfil the requirements of the online form. The Council reserves the right to review and amend this information and will publish the actual position within the tender notice.

In addition, please note that in relation to the stated position regarding the contracting authority within this notice, the contracting authority is Essex County Council and any Successor Body meaning one or more entities which assumes any of the Council's functions (as applicable) as a result of Local Government Reform (LGR). Such successor body or bodies may be, without limitation, a local authority, a combined authority, a combined county authority, a strategic authority or any other status determined pursuant to the Devolution and LGR Legislation.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 30 May 2029
- 2 years, 11 months, 30 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Engagement

Engagement deadline

12 December 2025

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Participation

Particular suitability

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

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Essex County Council

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