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Planning

SCE0045 Dementia Support Service Soft Market Test

Leicester City Council
Leicestershire County Council

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Scope

Reference

SCE0045

Description

THIS IS NOT A CALL FOR COMPETITION Dementia Support Services Introduction
Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council are considering commissioning a Dementia Support Service. It is anticipated, dependent upon an engagement exercise, that tenders for this service would be sought in 03/04 2026, to enable a new contract to begin from 01/ 10/ 2026. As part of the commissioning process, the authority is undertaking a soft market test. This gives potential providers and other stakeholders the opportunity to express their interests and feed in their views about the potential service model and specification principles. The commissioners will use the information to appraise options and further develop the specification. This process does not constitute a formal tender or other competitive bidding process and will not result in the letting of a Contract. The authority is using this process solely to test the market to gather information and ascertain the level of interest in this particular service. There are therefore no formal

criteria which we will use to judge your responses, and it is not our intention to provide any feedback.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,325,000 excluding VAT
- £2,790,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2029
- Possible extension to 30 September 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

Engagement

Engagement deadline

8 December 2025

Engagement process description

A Soft Market Test questionnaire was issued and the response window closed 01/12/2025. Following this a supplier engagement event will be held 08/12/2025

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 April 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authorities

Leicester City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXRT-5737-VBQD

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