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Tender

Regulation 44 Inspections - 2026

Somerset Council

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Scope

Reference

ERFX1002644

Description

This contract is for the provision of independent Regulation 44 visits to all council-run children's homes, as required under the Children's Homes Regulations 2015. The service must deliver monthly visits by qualified, impartial individuals who are independent of the homes and the placing authority.

Total value (estimated)

- £177,000 excluding VAT
- £212,400 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85310000 - Social work services

Contract locations

- UKK23 - Somerset

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

12 January 2026, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

19 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

12 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	60%
Price	Price	30%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

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Contracting authority

Somerset Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPGC-1434-MQPJ

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government