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Planning

Children with Disabilities Home based Care

Essex County Council

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Scope

Description

Home Based Care consists of a range of care packages, provided by carers, which are tailored to the specific needs of eligible families of SEND children and young people both in their homes and the community.

The aim is to ensure that families of Children with Disabilities (CwD) and Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) who require more intensive or specialist care can access high quality support, and make our internal systems for finding this support more efficient.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Engagement

Engagement deadline

16 January 2026

Engagement process description

FEEDBACK REQUIRED FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES HOME BASED CARE CONTRACT PROPOSAL

Based on the feedback received from our previous market engagement we want to update you with our thoughts on how a new contract could work for Children with Disabilities Home Based Care. The responses we received were overwhelmingly in favour

of a contractual arrangement. Based on the feedback received and our own assessment we are inviting your comments on this proposal via the below survey link.

The proposals in the survey may not be the final criteria for the contract. Please ensure you check any tender documents thoroughly to ensure you understand the service you are bidding for.

Copy and paste the below link into a browser to access the survey to provide feedback.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TzK0qFwVFUKg8X7YzJqZLyeUqJDx_ShNkgPz84-dHCBURUJCVzU3TldKRzIXM1YySkJGN0c4M1VJQi4u

Depending on the results of the survey there may be further engagement required, either online or in person.

This market engagement document has been formally released on 17 December 2025.

Participants are requested to submit any responses by close-of-business on 16 January 2026.

Responses are to be submitted via the online survey.

Please include contact details for those submitting a response to this engagement process. Should Essex County Council need to clarify any elements of your response, a representative of the project team will use this information for contact purposes.

Essex County Council may seek to engage directly with any/all participants in order to clarify information provided and to ensure any tender/contract specification is optimised in accordance with service provider input.

Participants should be aware that any information provided as part of this engagement process will be treated with confidentiality and will only be used to inform the final specification and to improve the subjectivity of any decision-making processes between the Council and its partners.

Although full support from market participants is appreciated, participants will not be bound by their responses and any information provided will not form part of any future procurement evaluation processes.

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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