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Planning

CCS080 External Mentoring Service for Children at Risk of Exploitation

Derbyshire County Council

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Scope

Reference

CCS080

Description

Derbyshire County Council is exploring the potential commissioning of an external mentoring service to support children at risk of exploitation. This soft market testing exercise aims to gather insights from providers to inform service design and delivery options. Responses will be used for market intelligence only and will not influence any future procurement decisions.

The proposed mentoring service will support children at risk of all forms of exploitation, including: Sexual exploitation; Criminal exploitation; Online exploitation; Radicalisation and extremism; Modern slavery and trafficking; Financial exploitation; and Peer-on-peer exploitation.

The service should: Build trusting relationships and provide emotional support using a

trauma-informed approach; Deliver focused interventions to increase resilience and self-esteem; Support children in identifying risks and understanding healthy relationships; and Be accessible across all eight Derbyshire districts and boroughs.

Total value (estimated)

- £200,000 excluding VAT
- £240,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

Contract locations

- UKF - East Midlands (England)
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

13 January 2026

Engagement process description

The Council is exploring the potential commissioning of an external mentoring service to support children at risk of exploitation. This soft market testing (market engagement) exercise aims to gather insights from providers to inform service design and delivery options in the form of response to a questionnaire.

Further information including about how to apply can be found at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=1e43cc79-44e0-f011-813c-005056b64545&p=527b4bbd-5c58-e511-80ef-000c29c9ba21>

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Derbyshire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWZQ-2162-JJQL

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government