



Children's Advocacy and Independent Visitor Service Market Engagement Event Invitation

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council will shortly be seeking tenders from providers who can appoint suitably experienced and qualified advocates for the provision of Children's Advocacy Services in Southend-on Sea.

The Provider will deliver an Advocacy service to facilitate the voice of individual children and young people in their relationship with the Authority and other agencies as identified by young people in the care of the Authority. The service is to be provided by any agreed route to 60 children or young people per annum.

As part of a wider engagement and consultation, we are inviting stakeholders to a virtual market engagement event held on MS Teams to inform the service model and service specification for the provision of this service.

The event will open with a presentation to outline the service and talk through the upcoming tender opportunity; this will last no more than one hour.

Following this presentation there will be an opportunity for your organisation to meet individually with Council team members to discuss the opportunity. This will be by invitation only, please confirm if you would like to meet individually and you will then be allocated a 10 minute time slot.

Date	Thursday 15th October 2020
Time	12:00-13:00 followed by bookable 10 minute time slot
Venue	Microsoft Teams

Please e-mail aleksandra.haker@southend.gov.uk to confirm your place, and if you require an individual meeting. A Teams meeting invite will then be sent to all attendees as well as a Teams meeting invite for the 10 minute time slot.