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## **DfC \*\*Pre-Market Engagement (PME) Exercise\*\* - Independent Review of liquor licensing system including surrender principle**

The Department for Communities

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

The Department for Communities

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

DfC **\*\*Pre-Market Engagement (PME) Exercise\*\*** - Independent Review of liquor licensing system including surrender principle

Reference number

D3789247

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

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#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

## II.2) Description

### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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## II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

2 May 2022

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes