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Tender

Westminster City Council P81 - Toxicology Services for the Coroner

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Scope

Reference

P81 PRJ_30522

Description

The Inner West London Coroner's Court provides coronial services for the City of Westminster, Kensington and Chelsea, Wandsworth and Merton. The Senior Coroner for Inner West London is seeking to procure toxicology services to support the investigation of deaths within the Jurisdiction.

Results of toxicological testing can be vital for pathologists to ascertain the medical cause of death.

The required toxicology services will include, but are not limited to:

- Comprehensive toxicological analysis of biological samples (e.g., blood, urine, tissue).
- Detection and quantification of drugs (over the counter and illicit), alcohol, poisons, and

other toxic substances.

- In house hair analysis for drugs of abuse.
- Provision of detailed toxicology reports to assist in determining the cause of death.
- Expert witness services for court proceedings, if necessary.
- Consultation and advisory services related to toxicology findings.

All services are required to be carried out following the guidelines agreed by the United Kingdom & Ireland Association of Forensic Toxicologists. These guidelines are recognised by the Forensic Science Regulator and Chief Coroner. Analysis is required to be tailored to each case individually to ensure all necessary analysis is carried out but only those drug concentrations which can be interpreted are measured. At present, hair analysis is routinely offered for all the Inner West London Coroner's cases.

This opportunity and all associated procurement documents are accessible via our City of Westminster Procurement and Contracts portal ("the Portal"), please visit <https://wcc.ukp.app.jaggaer.com> and register your account to download all relevant documents.

Conditions of Participation - Please note that the Authority will disregard and not evaluate any tender submitted by a supplier located outside the UK or in a treaty state. This requirement is in place to ensure suppliers have the technical ability to perform the contract in order to prevent sample contamination and to ensure suppliers can meet the strict deadlines set by the Coroner. These include rapid turnaround times, attendance at Court hearings, the ability to respond to urgent requests, and mitigating risks associated with sample postage or courier delays.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,309,000 excluding VAT
- £1,570,800 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 12 June 2026 to 11 June 2031
- Possible extension to 11 June 2033
- 7 years

Description of possible extension:

2 x optional 12 month extensions subject to Council requirements.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85111800 - Pathology services
- 71620000 - Analysis services
- 85111810 - Blood analysis services
- 85148000 - Medical analysis services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Please refer to details on Jaggaer eProcurement portal

Technical ability conditions of participation

Please refer to details on Jaggaer eProcurement portal

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

9 February 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

16 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://wcc.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

5 May 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical / Quality	inclusive of 10% allocated to Responsible Procurement / Social Value	Quality	60%
Cost	inclusive of 10% allocated to Responsible Procurement / Social Value	Cost	40%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Westminster City Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government