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## **Cumbria Equipment Retailers Service - Supply of Care Equipment for Daily Living (Simple Aids by Prescription) Framework**

Cumbria County Council

F02: Contract notice

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**30 March 2022, 12:00pm**

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

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKD1 - Cumbria

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Cumbria Equipment Retailers Service - Supply of Care Equipment for Daily Living (Simple Aids by Prescription) Framework

Reference number

DN599355

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The aims of the Cumbria Equipment Retailers service will be to support NHS and CCC service users and people who fund their own equipment, to live independently and safely in their own homes. It also aims to support carers who are looking after people wishing to remain in their own homes.

Please note that Cumbria is currently undergoing a Local Government Reorganisation. Government has announced that Cumbria County Council and the six district councils are to be replaced by two unitary authorities with effect from 01 April 2023. This Framework Agreement is for use by the Contracting Authorities identified in the contract notice and any successor council as defined in The Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transfer of Functions, Property, Rights and Liabilities) Regulations 2008 to those Contracting Authorities.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,600,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The aims of the Cumbria Equipment Retailers service will be to support NHS and CCC service users and people who fund their own equipment, to live independently and safely in their own homes. It also aims to support carers who are looking after people wishing to remain in their own homes.

The service was set up to enable service users/users to exercise choice and control over the equipment they receive by providing a variety of local Retailers showcasing a range of equipment. It also enables timely service user discharge from hospital by supporting service users to return to their own homes.

This service is committed to ensuring there are sufficient Retailers who are able to offer robust and effective independent advice about the range of equipment available, how to fit and use it safely and effectively and to deal with any safety concerns.

The service operates on the basis of a Retail Model that was initially a Department of Health led initiative which used a national specification and tariff price list. Cumbria introduced the Retail Model in October 2010. The Contract was renewed in 2017 and is due to end in March 2022.

Under this Model, Customers are prescribed Care Equipment by Practitioners. Customers then redeem these prescriptions at the Retailers' premises which is closest to their geographical location. This gives customers the opportunity to view the equipment, seek advice from the Retailer and top up their prescription with other equipment if they choose to. Practitioners are also able to prescribe delivery and fit.

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Contracting Authorities.

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,600,000

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12 month extensions available.

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

**II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 17

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

This does not exceed 4 years

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Originally published as:

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12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

28 March 2022

Local time

1:00pm

Place

Cumbria County Council via The Chest

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Her Majesty's Court Service

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom