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## Community Navigation Service

Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council

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## Scope

### Description

Community navigation, also known as social prescribing, is an approach that uses 'link workers' or 'community navigators' to connect people to the wider community and its offer of activities, groups and services, to best meet their practical, social and emotional needs. Tameside Live Well Community Navigation Service is a new community-sited and community-delivered service to support the health and wellbeing of residents. Its delivery, recruitment, staff training, and allocation and investment of community funds would ideally be managed by an organisation working in and with a good knowledge of the community. To deliver the aims, vision and objectives set out in the phased 5-year model the council require the provider to have a robust approach to delivery of the service while also being

able to fulfil the role of a system leader. This will involve working in close partnership with a range of local stakeholders to lead the work to improve outcomes in Tameside and work towards a more integrated, preventative, neighbourhood-based approach.

Due to the nature of the service and the timescales for mobilisation, the preferred provider will ideally have proven experience of:

- Good working knowledge of Tameside including the population, community assets, underserved groups, partner organisations, local services.
- Good working knowledge of the third sector in Tameside, including challenges
- Previous experience in managing community navigation or similar social prescribing services involving client casework, and the associated systems and pathways

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### **Total value (estimated)**

- £3,500,000 excluding VAT
- £4,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 July 2026 to 30 January 2029
- Possible extension to 30 January 2031
- 4 years, 6 months, 30 days

Description of possible extension:

Optional extension of two years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 85100000 - Health services

## **Contract locations**

- UKD - North West (England)

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

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

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

5 February 2026, 12:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

24 February 2026, 12:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

Tenders to be submitted via The Chest:

[www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk)

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

### **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

### **Award decision date (estimated)**

30 April 2026

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### **Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Quality & Innovation	Quality	40%

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Improving access, reducing health Inequalities and facilitating choice	Quality	20%
Integration, collaboration and service sustainability	Quality	20%
Social Value (Quantitative)	Quality	20%

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## Other information

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

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## Contracting authority

### Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWB-2493-LWTQ

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Region: UKD35 - Greater Manchester South East

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government