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## Coroner's Removal Service

Worcestershire County Council

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## Scope

## Reference

CC00202

## Description

Where a death is considered, sudden, traumatic, unnatural the Coroner may have to undertake an investigation. In certain cases, this may result in a post mortem examination being carried out. It is also the Coroner's responsibility to remove bodies from the scene of death to the mortuary, pending an investigation into the death. Cases that require body removal are mainly limited to community deaths as opposed to hospital deaths.

The current contract for this service has been awarded to 3 providers, each of whom serve a geographical region of the county (with a degree of flexibility). The current contract is due to expire on 31st May 2026 and re-procurement is now being considered under the PA2023.

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

- £800,000 excluding VAT
- £800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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

- 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2036
- 10 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services

### **Contract locations**

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

20 February 2026, 12:00pm

## **Tender submission deadline**

5 March 2026, 12:00pm

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

<https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/worcestershire.aspx/Home>

## **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

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

English

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

8 May 2026

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## **Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Cost criterion 1 (Lot 0)	Pricing Schedule (Appendix 8) to be completed.	Cost	70.00%

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Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality criterion 1 (Lot 0)	What would you need to consider when removing a deceased to the mortuary following a road traffic collision or collision on a railway? Please include method statements and/or job role descriptions to support your answer. 1000 words max (Additional attachments are not included in the word count, for example method statements)	Quality	10.00%

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Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality criterion 5 (Lot 0)	<p>Social Value. Describe what your organisation will do in order to deliver Social Value across the lifetime of this contract. The responses should be specific, measurable and relevant. For the Coroner's Removal Service, some suggested Social Value approaches which could be incorporated into the contract could include; the introduction of Mental Health First Aiders within the Service Provider organisation, regular volunteer days to support local charitable organisations, or collaboration with local schools and colleges to develop career opportunities. Our commercial approach to Social Value  </p> <p>Worcestershire County Council</p>	Quality	10.00%

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Quality criterion 3 (Lot 0)	Please detail the risks and mitigations that you would take into account relating to the collection/transportation of deceased and the subsequent storage at your premises. Max 500 words . Please include a copy of relevant risk assessments if these are available. (Additional attachments are not included in the word count, i.e. risk assessments)	Quality	5.00%
Quality criterion 2 (Lot 0)	Please detail how you would manage and fulfil multiple collections on any given night, both for routine and coroner collections? 500 words max	Quality	3.00%
Quality criterion 4 (Lot 0)	How would you manage requests, during office hours, for deceased to be moved between locations to ensure the process meets the needs of the Coroner? 500 words max.	Quality	2.00%

## Other information

### Payment terms

The Authority shall pay the Supplier any Charges due under any invoice submitted to it by

the Supplier within thirty (30) days of verifying that the invoice is valid and undisputed.

## **Description of risks to contract performance**

### **Collection Access**

Such collections may be required from anywhere within the geographic area to be covered and include open spaces and difficult locations as well as houses, other accommodation and sites on or adjacent to the public highway, railway or water.

### **Severe weather**

Collection time service levels may be impacted due to severe weather conditions such as flooding, ice or snow.

### **Capacity**

Mortuary capacity at both funeral directors and hospital premises is affected by seasonal factors and potentially unknown disease outbreaks.

### **Financial**

The supply market is limited, and should a contracted provider cease to trade or opt to terminate the contract, suitable alternative providers may be difficult to source.

## **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

## **Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice**

Market engagement (under a UK2 notice) is already underway.

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Worcestershire County Council**

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