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Planning

SCE0052 - Provision of NRT, E-Cigs and Stop Smoking Medication

Leicester City Council

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Scope

Reference

Provision of NRT, E-Cigs and Stop Smoking Medication

Description

Leicester City Council's Public Health's integrated lifestyle service (Live Well) is a lifestyle service that offers a variety of services to residents living in Leicester to improve their health and wellbeing. These services include stop smoking, physical activity, alcohol support and falls prevention.

The Stop Smoking Service offers clients 12-week behavioural support alongside access to NRT and e-cigarettes to support the client to achieve a successful quit attempt. All NRT and e-cigarettes are currently housed internally. Stock is managed by the team who coordinate all orders directly with the Suppliers and carry out regular stock takes. The team are responsible for packaging and dispensing all NRT and e-cigarettes to every client on the service.

The Government has set out clear targets for Leicester City as part of the smokefree generation funding allocation. This will increase the number of clients using the service, and subsequently increase the amount of NRT, e-cigarettes and other stop smoking medications being prescribed to aid every quit attempt.

Public Health require an efficient system to be in place to dispense all NRT, e-cigarettes and introduce the option of prescribing stop smoking medication.

Total value (estimated)

- £305,000 excluding VAT
- £366,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 14 May 2026 to 13 May 2028
- Possible extension to 13 May 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 85323000 - Community health services
- 33600000 - Pharmaceutical products

Contract locations

- UKF21 - Leicester
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 April 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

No formal market engagement was undertaken however, a meeting was held in early 2025 with a Provider to discuss the service they offer and if any other clients were using their service. The discussion also covered the Council's current process in place for distributing NRT and E-Cigarettes and how the process can be streamlined for operational efficiency. The Provider detailed their service and their potential offering regarding the posting, packaging and storage provisions, potential costs and regarding their requirements on Patient Group Directions (PGDs).

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

25 March 2026

Contracting authority

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