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Planning

## **Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) for the re-procurement of Community Based Services for people with a learning disability, mental health needs, and/or autism**

Durham County Council

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### **Changes to notice**

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Submission deadline of the market engagement should have stated 2025 and not 2026

### **Scope**

## **Description**

The Council are inviting providers to participate in preliminary engagement to gain insight from the market with the purpose of making any potential future exercise, well framed, feasible, focused and of likely interest to the market.

This preliminary market engagement purpose is to seek potential providers to join our framework of organisations and to provide their views regarding Community Based Services for people with a learning disability, mental health needs, and/or autism which is primarily supported living services.

Supported Living services are community provisions where individuals have a tenancy with a housing provider and the Council commissions a care and support provider to meet the needs of the individuals living there.

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 85320000 - Social services

## **Contract locations**

- UKC14 - Durham CC

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

17 October 2025

### **Engagement process description**

Market engagement questionnaire for completion and return by Providers which can be accessed at [www.open-uk.org](http://www.open-uk.org) under the title Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) for the re-procurement of Community Based Services for people with a learning disability, mental health needs, and/or autism.

In addition , two support sessions, on Teams, in early November designed to remove barriers for SMEs, support users in the use of OPEN, CDP and the inclusion of social value in DCC procurements. Further detail can be found within the PME documents published on the OPEN portal.

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

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

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## Procedure

### Special regime

Light touch

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## Contracting authority

### Durham County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMPB-8772-VYWM

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