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Planning

## ASC24089 DoLS Out of County Cases

Worcestershire County Council

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## Scope

## Reference

ASC24089

## Description

Please note: This is a preliminary market engagement exercise, and NOT an opportunity to submit tenders.

Worcestershire County Council (“the Council”) is looking to appoint a supplier to manage a backlog of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) cases. The Council will appoint either a single organisation applying itself to provide the Service, a consortium with legal status or an organisation applying as the lead organisation for two or more organisations who wish to provide the service as a consortium without legal status.

Approximately 150 out of county DoLS cases from across England and Wales would have to be completed and submitted to the DoLS team per annum. The Council will send the cases to the Supplier as the referrals are received. It would be expected that the completed cases would be sent back to the Council as soon as they are finalised. These

should take approximately 1 week to be returned to the Council, but should not take more than 4 weeks to be returned.

We are therefore seeking feedback from suppliers through a market testing questionnaire. In order to access it, you must first be logged into the system, then "Express Interest" to unlock the "Preliminary Market Engagement" tab. That will make the questionnaire visible for you to complete.

If you would like to respond to this questionnaire but experience issues doing so via In-tend, please download the Word version from the "Clarifications" tab and email your reply to [amiron@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:amiron@worcestershire.gov.uk).

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

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

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

- 1 September 2025 to 1 September 2028
- Possible extension to 1 September 2030
- 5 years, 1 day

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

8 April 2025

### **Engagement process description**

Suppliers must complete a market testing questionnaire and return it either via In-tend (the Council's e-Procurement system), either via email. In order to complete it via In-tend, suppliers must first be logged into the system, then search for the project by the ASC24089 reference, "Express Interest" to unlock the "Preliminary Market Engagement" tab. That will make the questionnaire visible to complete. For suppliers who prefer returning it via email, a Word version is available for download on the project page, in the Clarifications tab.

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

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

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

6 May 2025

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## Procedure

### Special regime

Light touch

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## Contracting authority

### Worcestershire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRPQ-4584-WLPQ

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government