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Tender

The North Area Council Advice & Support Service

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

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Changes to notice

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

The procurement description has been updated to reflect the Light Touch Regime, in which this contract is being procured under. Detail of the Light Touch Regime has been added to the description.

Scope

Reference

P055

Description

The North Area Advice & Support Service, commissioned by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (BMBC), is designed to provide free, confidential, and impartial welfare rights and advice to residents across the North Area, covering Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, and St Helens. The service aims to support individuals aged 16 and over with a wide range of issues, including debt, welfare benefits, housing, utilities, and employment, helping them to maintain independence and improve their wellbeing within their communities. To Continue this long-established service BMBC is looking to establish a contract with a single provider to undertake this service. This has been delivered in a range of community venues across the North area of Barnsley since 2015. The Contract will run for a period of 24 months (2 years), with the option to extend for 12 months (1 year). The Contract will commence 01st July 2026 for a period of 24 months (2 years). The services being procured, fall within the below threshold Light Touch Regime as defined in the Procurement Act 2023 and associated regulations. This regime applies to certain social, health, and related services and offers flexibility in the design of the procurement process. This procurement process will be conducted using the Open Procedure, a single-stage process under the Procurement Act 2023. All interested suppliers are invited to submit a full tender in response to this ITT. Under the Open Procedure, bidders will provide all required tender documentation in one stage.

Total value (estimated)

- £330,000 excluding VAT
- £330,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2028
- Possible extension to 30 June 2029
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

An optional extension may be applied if required, commencing on 1st July 2028 for a period of 12 months (one year). This extension will be exercised at the sole discretion of the Authority and will be subject to satisfactory performance and continued service requirements.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 85100000 - Health services
- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services
- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services
- 85312310 - Guidance services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

23 February 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

2 March 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=102075&TID100107297&B=

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 March 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 26 February 2029

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	80%
Price	Price	20%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYHH-2597-YVZG

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government