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Planning

Rehabilitative Services for men in prison or the community

Ministry of Justice

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The Authority is seeking to procure the second generation of rehabilitative services for men in prison or the community to help them address rehabilitative needs and to desist from offending, across England (other than Greater Manchester, where a procurement for similar services will be led by GM Combined Authority) and Wales.

The desired budget for the men's services may range between £899,867,805 to £1,192,782,389 for the full term of the contracts (optional extensions included), final values will be confirmed once the spending review and governance is completed. There is an indicative launch date of August 2025, an indicative award date of October 2026 and

an anticipated indicative go live date of March 2027. The proposed contract length shall be 5 years, with the option to extend by up to 3 further years. Please note, that all key decisions including budgets and contract length are yet to be approved through internal governance and therefore may change.

The men's services will provide a combined, whole-person, individualised service to help service users:

- Build supportive relationships and social networks. This might include family relationships, friends, community groups and peer communities.
- Connect to a range of community-based activities and resources that matter to them. This could include volunteering, sport or constructive leisure activities.
- Progress towards recovery from drug or alcohol use and gambling.
- Achieve and maintain sustainable outcomes in relation to housing, employment and financial management.

The Delivery Partner, who will undertake the role of lead bidder, will be responsible for the delivery of all services in the specification. It is envisaged that to deliver the whole breath of services, a supply chain may be utilised under the direction of the Delivery Partner, who will instruct, engage and collaborate with a supply chain to ensure successful delivery of the required services.

Please note, these new combined services will replace the existing separate pathway services previously procured which cover Dependency & Recovery, Personal Wellbeing, Accommodation, Finance, Benefits Debt and Education, Training and Employment.

The authority will deliver this combined service by tendering 29 contracts across two waves of tenders:

- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Leicestershire, Lincolnshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Staffordshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Warwickshire, West Murcia
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for West Midlands
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Cleveland

- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Durham
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Northumbria
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Humberside, North Yorkshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for South Yorkshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for West Yorkshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Cheshire, Merseyside
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Cumbria
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Lancashire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for North Wales, Dyfed-Powys
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Gwent, South Wales
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Thames Valley
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Hampshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Isle of Wight
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Avon and Somerset, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Devon and Cornwall, Dorset
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Essex
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Northamptonshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Norfolk, Suffolk
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Kent
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Surrey, Sussex
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for London over 25

- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for London under 25

Together and within the contract, we aim to create responsive, innovative solutions and foster lasting, positive impacts. Partnerships will be at the core of these contracts to significantly enhance the capabilities and reach of the involved entities.

Total value (estimated)

- £899,867,805 excluding VAT
- £1,079,841,366 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2027 to 1 March 2032
- Possible extension to 1 March 2035
- 8 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75231240 - Probation services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 July 2025

Engagement process description

Upcoming Market Engagement Events – Rehabilitative Services Recommissioning

Get Ready to Shape the Future!

We're thrilled to announce a series of market engagement events designed to transform rehabilitative services for people in prison and the community. This is your opportunity to get involved, stay informed, and help shape the new service!

Why Attend?

These events are all about actively engaging with the market to gather valuable feedback and insights, updating on feedback gathered and informing of key decisions made. Our goal is to ensure transparency and foster confidence in the services we're developing, laying the groundwork for strong, ongoing partnerships throughout the contracts' lifespan. Your input is crucial in shaping the future of rehabilitative services and ensuring we meet the needs of those we aim to support.

Tailored Engagement

We're offering specific events for lead bidders and consortiums, as well as separate sessions for sub-contractors. This approach provides dedicated spaces for each group to discuss their unique perspectives and contributions to the future service. Please note, any provider can attend any event, we are just focusing topics specific to the audience.

Join Us!

We look forward to your participation and collaboration as we work together to create impactful services. Don't miss this opportunity to engage, collaborate, and shape the future!

What's Happening and When?

Market Informing (26th February 2025) – Completed.

Specification, Flexibility and Partnerships – Completed.

- 25th March 2025 (lead bidders/consortia)
- 27th March 2025 (supply chain/sub-contractors)

Request slides for the above events at probationsourcingteam@justice.gov.uk

Consultation & Readiness on Key Commercial Components (e.g. evaluation questions, Pay mech, Performance etc.):

- End April/May 2025 (lead bidders/consortia) – In-person

PA23 Central Digital Platform Upskilling:

- May 2025 – via Teams

Engagement and Final Tender Documentation:

- June 2025 (lead bidders/consortia) – via Teams
- June 2025 (supply chain/sub-contractors) – via Teams

Who Should Attend?

- Lead bidders/consortia – Wanting to take the lead and serving as the main point of contact? Join sessions focused on lead bidders/consortia.
- Supply chain partners/sub-contractors – Looking to collaborate and explore partnership opportunities? Join sessions focused on supply chain/sub-contractors.

If you're considering both positions, you're welcome at multiple events – just choose the ones that fit your strategy best!

How to Register

Complete our Microsoft Registration Form to be added to our mailing list to receive registration links for each event via email:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPageV2.aspx?subpage=design&token=520746f78d0d4226b62de5b23b02a698&id=KEeHxuZx_kGp4S6MNndq2NAs-

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Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

4 August 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Ministry of Justice

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDNN-2773-HVYN

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United Kingdom

Contact name: Probation Sourcing Team

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Website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice/about/procurement>

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government