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Planning

## Direct Payment Support Service

Darlington Borough Council

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## Scope

## Reference

PB2025-00199

## Description

Darlington Borough Council wishes to appoint a single Contractor for the provision of a Direct Payment Support Service to meet the information, advice and support needs of individuals living within the Borough of Darlington who have been assessed to have unmet eligible needs under The Care Act 2014, or are transferring from commissioned support and identified needs can be met with a Direct Payment.

## Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027

- Possible extension to 31 August 2030
- 4 years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

## **Contract locations**

- UKC13 - Darlington

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

27 February 2026

### **Engagement process description**

The pre-market engagement include a survey to gather feedback from providers.

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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)

2 April 2026

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## Procedure

### Special regime

Light touch

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## Contracting authority

### Darlington Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCRZ-3744-WXXZ

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Region: UKC13 - Darlington

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government