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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

Engagement

Engagement deadline

27 February 2026

Engagement process description

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

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

2 April 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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