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Planning

## **008942 - Provision of Coroner's Transport Service**

Newcastle City Council

UK2: Preliminary market engagement notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

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### **Changes to notice**

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

Just North East Area only

### **Scope**

### **Reference**

OPEN2025410

## **Description**

HM Senior Coroner for Newcastle and Acting Senior Coroner for North Tyneside has an obligation to investigate sudden deaths. Based on the figures for the past twelve months approximately 500 cases for Newcastle City Council and 500 cases for North Tyneside Council were required to be removed and transported to a mortuary for further investigation. Such removals are carried out in an unmarked vehicle.

In some cases, this involved the deceased to be returned from the mortuary to a designated address. The return of the deceased to a designated address will be the responsibility of the family or representative of the deceased. The service provider is at liberty to negotiate with such parties as to whether a charge is made for this service dependant on the appointed service provider.

The successful suppliers will manage the contract on a rotational basis. The nature of the Framework Agreement is such that Contractors on the Framework List will be contacted in order, and where a Contractor is unable to deliver the Service when requested, the Authority will make the request of the next Contractor on the Framework List.

It is proposed that the Service Framework is split into two Lots. Lot 1 will cover the Newcastle City Council area (Appendix A1) and Lot 2 will cover North Tyneside area (Appendix A2). Providers can tender for one or both areas.

Please see proposed specification for the Service Requirements for this contract.

The approximate Annual Value is £480,000 per year for 4 years (£1,920,000). With 2 x 12-month extension (subject to funding).

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £1,920,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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

- 25 March 2026 to 24 March 2030
- Possible extension to 24 March 2032
- 6 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services

### **Contract locations**

- UKC - North East (England)

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

25 April 2025

### **Engagement process description**

The Market Engagement is a questionnaire concerning the proposed service and another questionnaire for Social Value. The documents are available on the Open Platform from 03.04.2025 until 25.04.2025 (12 noon).

We invite all interested parties to complete the Market Engagement to find out their views on the proposed service plus any improvements or suggestions that can be made.

<https://www.open-uk.org/projects/overview/0f7a4955-5090-4c7e-84af-855696dd218b>

Project reference is 2025410

<https://www.open-uk.org/>

If you are not registered please see above link. It is quick and easy to obtain an account. All Councils in the North East, NEPO and North East Combined Authority are now using the Open Tendering Platform.

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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)

25 April 2025

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## Contracting authority

## **Newcastle City Council**

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Region: UKC22 - Tyneside

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government