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Planning

## **Provision of an Adult Unpaid Carers Support Service**

Gloucestershire County Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

DN806683

### **Description**

Since the last engagement event relating to the Unpaid Carers Services, some changes have been made to the upcoming tender.

We want to ensure that the market is made aware of the changes as soon as possible.

We received Cabinet approval on 28th January to:

- Extend the current contracts for adults and young carers by six months (to 30 September 2026).
- Delay and revise by six months the procurement of support for adult carers.
- Agree the revised model for adult carers support.

The 6-month extension is required to enable a robust procurement process to take place for the new adults carers contract.

The new model will introduce a single contract for core carers' services and transfer Carers Emergency Scheme (CES) and Carers Breaks packages to external providers under the existing GCC Health and Social Care Framework. This strategic approach will enable us to better meet the needs of unpaid carers now and into the future by improving flexibility, simplifying processes, strengthening crisis support, and enhancing carers' resilience and wellbeing while preventing service disruption.

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

- 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2031
- Possible extension to 30 September 2033
- 7 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

### **Contract locations**

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)

- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

27 February 2026

### **Engagement process description**

Please see details here:

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=b22fcf6d-ec08-f111-813c-005056b64545&p=696a9836-1895-e511-8105-000c29c9ba21>

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

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

## Procedure

### Special regime

Light touch

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## Contracting authority

### Gloucestershire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZHT-7473-ZVPN

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government