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Planning

Preliminary Market Engagement 2026 - Provision of Specialist Learning Disability Vocational Training Services through Social Enterprise within the NHSCT [6393091]

Northern Health and Social Care Trust (NHSCT)

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Changes to notice

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

This notice has been amended as we are publishing a second preliminary market engagement for this tender. Please refer to this updated notice for updated details. All documents associated with this market engagement are available on eTendersNI (<https://etendersni.gov.uk>) under Resource ID/CfT number: CfT Reference No: 6393091.

Scope

Reference

6393091

Description

The Procurement and Logistics Service (PaLS) on behalf of the Northern Health & Social Care Trust (NHSCT) wish to carry out a preliminary market engagement with interested providers.

This market engagement is intended to inform the market that the NHSCT are proposing to tender for the provision of Learning Disability Vocational Training Services through Social Enterprise facilities to Adults with a Learning Disability within the NHSCT (Adults being 18+ years of age).

The NHSCT have published this second preliminary market engagement (CfT Reference no: 6393091) for this tender to inform the market of this advanced draft of the specification and we are also inviting potential tenderers to consider the cost for this service based on the stated available budgets outlined in Section 3.17 of the CP13 Vocational Services - 2026 Market Engagement Briefing Paper. Therefore, as part of this engagement we are asking potential providers to complete and return 'Appendix C – Breakdown of Costs' with a proposed cost breakdown for how they would deliver this service based on the available budget. We are seeking this cost breakdown for information purposes while allowing potential suppliers to assess the affordability of the service before we publish the tender. Please note that the annual cost of this service must be inclusive of all costs associated with this service.

Please refer to the 'CP13 Vocational Services - 2026 Market Engagement Briefing Paper' and associated appendices for further information – all documents associated with this market engagement are available in CfT document section under CfT Reference No: 6393091

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2029
- Possible extension to 31 August 2031

- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 March 2026

Engagement process description

Please ensure you are registered with eTendersNI under Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) Code '85000000 Health and social work services'.

Your proposed cost breakdown for delivery of this service in response to this Pre-Tender Market Engagement Paper must be completed in 'Appendix C – Breakdown of Costs' and submitted as an attachment via the eTendersNI secure messaging area of the Resource ID/CfT Number: 6393091. The deadline for submission is Friday 6th March 2026 at 15:00.

Any interest shown in the pre-tender market engagement does not constitute a commitment to participate in a procurement exercise. Failure to show interest does not restrict providers from participating in any future procurement exercise.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Northern Health and Social Care Trust (NHSCT)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBRP-6676-CQZY

Bretten Hall, Antrim Area Hospital, Bush Road

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United Kingdom

Email: PaLSSocialcare.Sourcing@hscni.net

Region: UKN0D - Antrim and Newtownabbey

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Business Services Organisation

Summary of their role in this procurement: BSO PaLS will be conducting the procurement process including this pre-tender market engagement process on behalf of the NHSCT. PaLS are the Centre of Procurement Expertise (CoPE) for Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWNJ-1991-NGDW

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Contact organisation

Contact [Business Services Organisation](#) for any enquiries.