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Planning

## Direct Payments

Cheshire West and Chester Council

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## Scope

## Reference

DN771577

## Description

Cheshire West and Chester Council are redesigning their previous Arrangement of Care service into a more focused 'Direct Payment' service. This new service is designed to provide Information, Advice and Guidance to residents interested in utilising Direct Payments and how they can spend them to meet their eligible needs.

Residents who are classified as a 'Self-Funder' will not be supported by this Commission unlike the previous 'Arrangement of Care' service.

1.2 Enabling Great Lives

Direct Payments are the Governments preferred mechanism for paying for personalised care and support to promote independence, choice and control.

The Direct Payment service is for residents with eligible care needs to Enable Great Lives and to have more choice and control over the care they receive. We want residents to live healthy, happy and independent lives, in the place they call home and with the people they love. We want residents to have comprehensive Information, Advice and Guidance to make informed decisions over the care and support they receive and the manner it is delivered. This aligns with the overall commissioning vision which can be found within Enabling Great Lives - Our approach to commissioning

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

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 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**

2 May 2025

### **Engagement process description**

Please refer to The Chest, [www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk) for the draft specification and link to the questionnaire

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

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

## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

1 September 2025

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## **Procedure**

### **Special regime**

Light touch

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Cheshire West and Chester Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCJB-2814-BHZP

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKD63 - Cheshire West and Chester

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government