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Planning

Public Social Partnership - Third Sector Social Care Commissions

Dumfries and Galloway Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Public Social Partnership - Third Sector Social Care Commissions

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A Public Social Partnership (PSP) is a collaborative framework in which public sector bodies and social enterprises or community organisations work together to co-design, deliver, and evaluate services with social impact. At the heart of a PSP is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), a formal document that defines the partnership's purpose, scope, and the roles and responsibilities of each partner. While an MOU is typically not legally binding, it provides a clear framework that ensures transparency, accountability, and mutual understanding.

The MOU would outline the objectives of the partnership, the initiatives and learning to be delivered, and the intended social outcomes. It clarifies how partners will share resources, expertise, and responsibilities, including funding, staffing, and operational support. Governance arrangements would be defined, often including steering committees or advisory groups, as well as processes for decision-making, monitoring, evaluation, and review. Confidentiality, data protection, and dispute resolution mechanisms will be specified, helping to manage risk and maintain trust among all parties. By providing this structured framework, the MOU facilitates collaborative planning, co-production of services, and a shared commitment to social impact, while allowing each organisation to retain its autonomy and legal responsibilities.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Current contractual and historic contractual arrangements providing social care support services to Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership are coming to an end. It is anticipated that the future approach to Social Care Supports will be via a Strategic Alliance however, to inform the alliance and contractual arrangements, a decision has been recommended to create a Public Social Partnership to inform future specifications and pilot a number of services.

The types of services to be covered by the PSP are:

- Community Support Services
- Day Support Services
- Carer Support Services
- Mental Health Support Services

II.2.14) Additional information

There will be scope to widen the workstreams and output of the PSP as the PSP progresses. A further PIN will be published within 2026/27 regarding the formal process for tendering a Strategic Alliance.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 April 2026

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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