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Planning

## **Targeted Careers Information Advice and Guidance Service**

Cumberland Council

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### **Changes to notice**

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

Notice was edited to include an online engagement session via MS teams

### **Scope**

### **Description**

Cumberland Council is looking to procure a new contract for the delivery of its Targeted Careers Information Advice and Guidance Service in 2026 with the aim of new contract of up to 5 years commencing in January 2027.

The Council is interested in hearing from current and prospective providers of similar services about their experience of relevant provision. This will inform the Service Specification.

Providers could also be invited to at least two market engagement events prior to the launch of the Invitation to Tender.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £2,500,000 excluding VAT
- £3,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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

- 10 January 2027 to 9 January 2030
- Possible extension to 9 January 2032
- 5 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

## Contract locations

- UKD1 - Cumbria

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## Engagement

### Engagement deadline

12 March 2026

### Engagement process description

To start the engagement process, the Council would welcome feedback within a short survey that can be accessed in the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/LWenxuNPvF>

Provider Engagement Session

13th March 2026 11am-12pm via MS teams

To reserve a space on the provider engagement session please send an email to Joel Rasbash, Commissioning Manager using the following email address:

[Joel.Rasbash@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:Joel.Rasbash@cumbria.gov.uk)

A Microsoft Teams invite link will be sent to all providers who register an interest before the deadline (12th March 2026, 5pm.)

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## Participation

## Particular suitability

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

### Cumberland Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJGX-9191-DYLV

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government