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Planning

Microenterprise Service

Cumberland Council

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Scope

Description

Cumberland Council is looking to engage with providers with capacity and the required skills and experience to find train and support individuals to set up as Microenterprises across Cumberland to deliver care related duties, support and prevention activities for Cumberland residents. To help people to continue living in their homes meeting their care and support needs and promoting personal independence and wellbeing.

The new network of microenterprises helped to set up by the winning provider will deliver health related activities that support people to live a healthy lifestyle and maintain their social interaction through group activities that improve both the mental and physical wellbeing of customers.

This will be a 12 month contract initially for a value of £75,000

Commercial tool

Establishes a dynamic market

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026
- Possible extension to 31 July 2028
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85100000 - Health services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services

Contract locations

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Engagement

Engagement deadline

4 April 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

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The role will require a local presence in Cumberland to identify network and support suitable individuals with a passion about care who want to set up their care provision/prevention microenterprises with a focus on creating a network of microenterprises across the Cumberland footprint with a specific focus on rural areas where there is a demand for care and support which is not being met.

Although the service specification is in the development stage, if the Council looks to go ahead and commission a provider to develop a network of care/care prevention Microenterprises across Cumberland the provider will need to have access to a training programme to prepare individuals to set up Legally compliant microenterprises with required processes, policies, insurance in place as well as upskilling individuals with no previous care delivery experience as required.

So, we are inviting all interested providers to join us for a provider engagement session on the 4th of April 2025, 10am to 11am via Microsoft Teams.

As part of the provider engagement session the Council Commissioning Team will discuss the outline commissioning plan, talk through the tender process and commissioning timeline. There will also be an opportunity for providers to ask questions.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

9 June 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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