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Planning

Rehabilitative Services for women in prison or the community

Ministry of Justice

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Changes to notice

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

Updated procurement description.

Scope

Reference

prj14774

Description

The Authority is seeking to procure the second generation of rehabilitative services for women in prison or the community to help them address rehabilitative needs and to desist from offending, across England (other than Greater Manchester, where a procurement for similar services will be led by GM Combined Authority) and Wales.

There is an indicative competition launch date of October 2026, an indicative award date of August 2027 and an indicative go-live date of January 2028. Please note that all key decisions including budgets and contract length are yet to be approved through internal governance.

Based on our current thinking, the women's services will provide a combined, woman-centred, trauma-responsive service to help women:

- Build a pro-social identity including supportive relationships, social and community networks and, where appropriate, contact with family and children.
- Build strengths and skills to set goals and become self-sufficient.
- Progress towards recovery from substance misuse, mental health challenges and abuse.
- Achieve and maintain sustainable outcomes in relation to housing, employment and financial management.

Together and within the contract, we aim to create responsive, flexible solutions and foster lasting, positive impacts. Partnership-working will be at the core of these contracts to significantly enhance the capabilities and reach of the involved entities.

Please note that there are several topics that are currently being reviewed as part of the scoping these include the procurement route to market and the length of the future service.

Total value (estimated)

- £209,000,000 excluding VAT
- £250,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 January 2028 to 1 March 2033
- Possible extension to 3 March 2036
- 8 years, 2 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75231240 - Probation services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 September 2026

Engagement process description

Upcoming Market Engagement Events - Women's Rehabilitative Services Recommissioning

Get Ready to Shape the Future!

We're thrilled to announce a series of Market Engagement Events designed to transform rehabilitative services for women in prison and the community. This is your opportunity to get involved, stay informed, and help shape the new service!

Why Attend?

These events are all about actively engaging with potential providers to gather valuable feedback and insights, updating on feedback gathered and informing of key decisions made. Our goal is to ensure transparency and foster confidence in the services we're developing, laying the groundwork for strong, ongoing partnerships throughout the contracts' lifespan. Your input is crucial in shaping the future of rehabilitative services and ensuring we meet the needs of those we aim to support.

Join Us!

We look forward to your participation and collaboration as we work together to create impactful services. Don't miss this opportunity to engage, collaborate, and shape the future!

What's Happening and When?

Women's Service Design - Initial Thinking

- 22nd May 2025 (Microsoft Teams)

Additional event information will be updated once agreed.

How to Register

Complete our Microsoft Registration Form to be added to our mailing list to receive registration links for each event via email: <https://forms.office.com/e/bQqmSxuUPq>

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Participation

Particular suitability

Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

30 September 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Ministry of Justice

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government