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Planning

Consolidated Advocacy Service for Adults

Darlington Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Darlington Borough Council wishes to appoint a single Contractor for the provision of a range of Advocacy services for eligible adults. The Services will include: Relevant Person's Representative (RPR), Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA), Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA), Care Act Advocacy, A Deprivation of Liberty authorised by the Court of Protection Rule 3 Representative, Advocacy support to people with a hearing impairment, some limited General Advocacy, the provision of training to friends and family members to support them in the advocacy role and the development and support of Peer Advocacy which will be further detailed in the Specification.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2030
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKC13 - Darlington

Engagement

Engagement deadline

21 June 2025

Engagement process description

The pre-market engagement includes detailed information about the service requirements, guidance on the tendering process, and a survey to gather feedback from providers

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

30 August 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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