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Tender

CUMBERLAND MICROENTERPRISE SERVICE

Cumberland Council

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Scope

Description

Cumberland Council is committed to supporting people to achieve optimum health, be independent, reduce health inequalities, provide customer choice and improve the health and wellbeing of its customers. Cumberland has a rural geography and building on the natural strengths of our local communities our ambition is to promote the development of local care solutions to meet local needs.

Cumberland Council wishes to commission a provider to deliver the Cumberland support/prevention Microenterprise Service from 2nd August 2025 sustaining the 44 existing care micro-enterprises established in Cumberland and supporting the development of new care and prevention microenterprises. To provide small scale, flexible, responsive, high quality local care services to sit alongside Cumberland existing Commissioned Adult Care Services (Homecare, Extra Care, Supported Living & Day Opportunities.) To provide Cumberland customers with choice and control over their own care.

The role of the Supplier is to facilitate and support the development of local innovation and development, bringing knowledge and expertise in the field of micro-enterprise development and prevention services.

The council proposes to enter into the contract for an initial period of 12 months with the

successful tenderer. There are 2 optional extensions for up to 12 months each. These optional extensions are at the absolute discretion of the council.

If the contract runs for the initial period only it will end on 01/08/2026. If the contract uses all of the optional extension periods it will end on 01/08/2028

The maximum total value of the overall Cumberland Microenterprises Service over the total contract period (including any extensions periods) is a maximum value of £303,000. but no guarantee is given as to the actual value of the contract.

For further details and to access the tender documents, including the service specification, please use our online procurement portal - The Chest - <https://www.the-chest.org.uk>. Registration on The Chest is free.

All bids must be received electronically via The Chest by the closing date stated in the ITT.

Any clarifications about the tender must be sent via messaging on The Chest by the closing date stated in the ITT.

Total value (estimated)

- £252,500 excluding VAT
- £303,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 August 2025 to 1 August 2026
- Possible extension to 1 August 2028
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

The council proposes to enter into the contract for an initial period of 12 months with the successful tenderer. There are 2 optional extensions for up to 12 months each. These optional extensions are at the absolute discretion of the council.

If the contract runs for the initial period only it will end on 01/08/2026. If the contract uses all of the optional extension periods it will end on 01/08/2028

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85100000 - Health services

Contract locations

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

1 July 2025, 10:00am

Tender submission deadline

8 July 2025, 10:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

All tenders must be submitted via The Chest - registration is free.

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Quality 70%

Social Value 10%

Price 20%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk>

Registration on The Chest is free.

Contracting authority

Cumberland Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government