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# **DOJ VPB Victims' Payments Scheme**

Department of Justice

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## Scope

#### Reference

**DOJ DAC 11/25** 

# **Description**

Background: Under section 10 of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc.) Act 2019, the UK Government was required to bring forward legislation providing for a scheme of payments to those living with injuries sustained in Troubles/Conflict-related incidents by 31 January 2020 and for that legislation to have effect by the end of May 2020.

The Victims' Payment Regulations 2020 were laid before Parliament on 31 January 2020 by NIO. The Scheme established by these Regulations is known as the Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment Scheme. The Executive Office is responsible for taking forward the implementation of the Victims' Payments Regulations 2020.

Purpose of the scheme: To provide those living with permanent disablement (either physical or psychological) caused by injury through no fault of their own in a Troubles-related incident

with payments primarily in acknowledgement of the acute harm which they have suffered.

It will also provide a measure of recognition of the implications of living with a disablement caused by a serious Troubles-related injury and the associated impact of such disablement on carers (who are often family members) and recognition that in many cases coping with disablement caused by the serious injury had an adverse financial impact on individuals and their families.

Need: The scheme opened for applications on 31 August 2021 and has received in the region of 11,000 applications to date. Anyone can apply to the scheme and there is no requirement for applications to be submitted through a solicitor..

The scheme is open to anyone who considers that they have suffered a permanent disablement as a result of Troubles related incident in line with the criteria set out in the Regulations.

The purpose of this requirement is to encourage applications from, and provide support to, a particular cohort of individuals affected by the Troubles in Northern Ireland. This group may not aware that they are eligible to apply.

# **Contract 1. DOJ VPB Victims' Payments Scheme**

# Supplier

Withheld Section94 Supplier

#### **Contract value**

£262,000 excluding VAT

<ul> <li>£314,400 including \</li> </ul>	/AT
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Above the relevant threshold

# Earliest date the contract will be signed

27 June 2025

# **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 30 June 2025 to 29 June 2028
- 3 years

# Main procurement category

Services

#### **CPV** classifications

• 85321000 - Administrative social services

#### **Contract locations**

• UKN - Northern Ireland

#### Other information

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

## **Direct award justification**

Single supplier - technical reasons

Direct award conditions and permissible justifications are set out under Chapter 3 and Schedule 5 of the Procurement Act.

Based on the information provided by the Contracting Authority there is justification for a direct award on the grounds set out under paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 where the following conditions are met in relation to the public contract-

- (a) due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, only a particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required, and
- (b) there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.

On the basis of the information presented, it is possible to rely on a derogation in this case (i.e. Para 6 of Schedule 5) due to the selected supplier having the specific expertise and knowledge of a specific category of victims in the NI cohort that the advice would be targeted to. Furthermore, due to the sensitivities in relation to these individuals it is unlikely

they would engage with any other providers of similar services.

# **Supplier**

## Withheld Section 94 Supplier

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# **Contracting authority**

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

# Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

## **CPD - Supplies & Services Division**

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland

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# **Contact organisation**

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