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# **Adult Social Care (ASC) Workforce Support Programme**

DHSC, London

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## Scope

# **Description**

The provision of a comprehensive Adult Social Care Workforce Support Programme. The work in these areas align with DHSC's strategy to attract and retain a sufficient and skilled workforce to provide the right care for the evolving needs of the population. Tender to launch 16th July 2025 at noon.

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £52,633,898 excluding VAT
- £63,160,677.60 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### Main procurement category

Services

#### **CPV** classifications

- 85321000 Administrative social services
- 75122000 Administrative healthcare services
- 80561000 Health training services
- 85000000 Health and social work services
- 80000000 Education and training services
- 75120000 Administrative services of agencies
- 75130000 Supporting services for the government
- 72300000 Data services

#### **Contract locations**

UK - United Kingdom

#### Lot constraints

Maximum number of lots a supplier can bid for: 2

Maximum number of lots a supplier can be awarded: 2

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Lot 1: Workforce Support (three-year contract with the potential for up to two 1-year extensions) - A large, combined lot including retention, recruitment, upskilling, and adoption activities. This provides subject matter expertise to inform policy and provide implementation support for the sector. Lot 2: Quality Assured Care Learning Service (three-year contract with the potential for up to two 1-year extensions) - this ensures the

availability and provision of quality training that is accessible to the workforce and reflects the needs of the populations they serve. Lot 3: Market research (two-year contract)-targeted sector research and insights to aid policy development. Suppliers can bid on ALL lots and can be successful in being awarded a contract for ALL lots.

#### Not the same for all lots

Contract dates are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

# Lot 1. Workforce Support

### **Description**

A large, combined lot including retention, recruitment, upskilling, and adoption activities. This provides subject matter expertise to inform policy and provide implementation support for the sector.

## Lot value (estimated)

- £46,212,978 excluding VAT
- £55,455,573.60 including VAT

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 2 January 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031

• 5 years, 2 months, 30 days

Description of possible extension:

2 x 12 months optional extension

#### Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract locations are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

# Lot 2. Quality Assured Care Learning Service

## **Description**

this ensures the availability and provision of quality training that is accessible to the workforce and reflects the needs of the populations they serve.

# Lot value (estimated)

- £5,435,915 excluding VAT
- £6,523,098 including VAT

# **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 2 January 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 28 February 2031
- 5 years, 1 month, 30 days

Description of possible extension:

2 x 12 month optional extensions

#### Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract locations are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

### Lot 3. Market research

### **Description**

targeted sector research and insights to aid policy development.

### Lot value (estimated)

- £985,005 excluding VAT
- £1,182,006 including VAT

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- 2 years

#### Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract locations are shown in the Scope section, because they

are the same for all lots.

# **Participation**

# Particular suitability

Lot 1. Workforce Support

Lot 2. Quality Assured Care Learning Service

Lot 3. Market research

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

### **Submission**

# **Enquiry deadline**

15 August 2025, 11:45pm

# **Submission type**

**Tenders** 

### Tender submission deadline

15 August 2025, 11:45pm

### Submission address and any special instructions

Submissions must be made via DHSC e-potal (Atamis) please register here: <a href="https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome">https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome</a>

## Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

# Languages that may be used for submission

English

### Award decision date (estimated)

19 November 2025

### **Award criteria**

Name	Description	Туре	
Price	Price per Quality point methodology used.	Price	
Quality	Award Questions = 90% overall quality score	Quality	
Social Value	Social Value question = 10% of Quality overall quality score.		

## Weighting description

Price per Quality Point Methodology used. Quality split into award question (90%) and Social Value (10%).

### Other information

# Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

### **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

# Competitive flexible procedure description

Two stage procurement: Stage 1 - Conditions of Participation & Initial Tender Stage 2 - Dialogue & Best and Final Offer

# **Contracting authority**

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government