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

DHSC, London

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### **Changes to notice**

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

1. New response deadline time of 22:45 2. New CoP question added for Prompt payment in accordance with PPN015.

### **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
- £64,122,541 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.

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## **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
- £56,300,095 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.

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## **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
- £6,622,446 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.

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## **Lot 3. Market research**

### **Description**

targeted sector research and insights to aid policy development.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £985,005 excluding VAT
- £1,200,000 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.

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## **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)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

15 August 2025, 10:45pm

**Submission type**

Tenders

**Tender submission deadline**

15 August 2025, 10:45pm

**Submission address and any special instructions**

Submissions must be made via DHSC e-potal (Atamis) please register here:

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

**Languages that may be used for submission**

English

**Award decision date (estimated)**

19 November 2025

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**Award criteria**

| <b>Name</b>  | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Type</b> |
|--------------|---|-------------|
| 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



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## Contracting authority

### DHSC, London

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government