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Planning

## **Connect to Work Supported Employment Programme**

Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

DN783821

### **Description**

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Organisations interested in helping Dorset Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole (BCP) Council to develop and deliver the Connect to Work programme are invited

to attend an online market engagement event on Friday 8th August 2025 from 10:00 - 11:30. Please register for this event before Friday 8th August 2025 via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/market-engagement-connect-to-work-supported-employment-service-tickets-1509473368479?aff=oddtcreator> and joining details will be sent to any registered attendees.

Participation or non-participation in this market engagement event shall not prejudice organisations participating in any future procurement process nor is it intended that any information supplied shall place any organisation at an advantage in any forthcoming procurement process.

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2029
- 4 years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

## **Contract locations**

- UKK24 - Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole
- UKK25 - Dorset

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## Engagement

### Engagement deadline

8 August 2025

### Engagement process description

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## Participation

### Particular suitability

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

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## Procedure

### Special regime

Light touch

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## Contracting authority

### Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHYY-7342-PRHH

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Region: UKK24 - Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government