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Planning

## Birmingham Community Equipment Loans (BCELS)

Birmingham City Council

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## Scope

## Reference

P2288

## Description

This procurement sets out Birmingham's plans to jointly commission a Birmingham Community Equipment Loan Service (BCELS) to meet the health and wellbeing needs of all citizens.

This service will be commissioned via a Section 75 pooled budget arrangement between Birmingham City Council (BCC) and NHS Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board (BSol ICB). This service provides Community equipment to reduce unnecessary admissions to hospital, prevent delayed discharge from hospital, and assist with everyday tasks, enabling people to live independently at home. The type of equipment can range from simple mobility aids, such as crutches and walking frames, to more complex and expensive items such as profiling beds and hoists. Items are provided free of charge, on loan or single issue, to people of all ages who meet the agreed criteria.

The prospective provider will undertake all duties related to the operation of a community equipment service including but not limited to supply, logistics, fleet, storage, delivery of equipment, collections, servicing, maintenance, repairs, decontamination and recycling.

This market engagement exercise and the phases outlined above do not form part of any potential or subsequent procurement process and should not be treated as a formal call for competition. The intention of this market engagement is purely to assess and consider in order to assist the council in developing the most viable and efficient future delivery service for this area. If you are interested in participating in this market engagement, please register online via the Council's In-tend e-tendering portal <https://intendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc>

The event will be held in person on Wednesday 10th September at 10am - 12.30pm.

Please confirm via the portals correspondence function the names of attendees (maximum of 2 people) and email addresses for each attendee.

Registration and access to the In-tend electronic tendering tool is free and all correspondence for this market engagement must be made via this on-line process. Report any problems in accessing or using the In-tend e-portal to the Commercial and Procurement Team via email at [etendering@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:etendering@birmingham.gov.uk)

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £35,500,000 excluding VAT
- £42,600,000 including VAT

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

- 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2032
- Possible extension to 31 March 2037
- 10 years

### **Main procurement category**

## Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services
- 85110000 - Hospital and related services
- 85112000 - Hospital support services
- 85323000 - Community health services

### **Contract locations**

- UKG31 - Birmingham

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

8 September 2025

### **Engagement process description**

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

1 October 2025

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Birmingham City Council**

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government