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Planning

The Provision of Alcohol Testing

Ministry of Justice

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Scope

Description

At present, prisons, probation services and approved premises test offender alcohol levels by using breathalysers.

The objective of the Alcohol Testing contract will be to supply an on-site point of contact Breath Alcohol Screening Testing System including all consumables e.g. mouthpieces for use within both a custodial setting and in the community by providers of probation services.

The contract will not commit to specific volumes, and at this stage, no forecast has been established.

This preliminary market engagement exercise is intended to invite suppliers to share information about their products, technologies, and the broader capabilities available in the market.

We are seeking to understand current innovations, delivery models, and potential solutions that could inform the development of our future procurement strategy.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38544000 - Drug detection apparatus

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

26 September 2025

Engagement process description

The Ministry of Justice are examining and forecasting the scope and essential requirements for the future of Breath Alcohol Screening Devices for use in Prisons, Probation Offices and Approved Premises nationwide.

As part of this information gathering exercise, we have developed the below series of

questions to ascertain the capability, the capacity and the appetite of the current market and would welcome your responses.

Please see link below to access the questionnaire:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KEeHxuZx_kGp4S6MNndq2DtmHV69siNNtbVgV66SK2pUQIRJV001QIIT0hSV1NXQ1JVNjFLV1Q0VC4u

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

5 January 2026

Contracting authority

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