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Planning

## **Provision of Occupational Health Services**

Cumberland Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

DN788584

### **Description**

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

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 85100000 - Health services

### **Contract locations**

- UKD1 - Cumbria

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

25 September 2025

## **Engagement process description**

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An early draft of the service specification will be shared with the market shortly and will be attached to this notice once available.

The Council is committed to conducting procurement in a fair, transparent, and inclusive manner in line with the Procurement Act 2023.

As part of our preliminary market engagement, we invite all interested suppliers to attend an open session which will provide further information and aims to explore opportunities and gather initial feedback.

This session will be held on MS Teams on 9th September 2025 at 13:45 to 14:45

In addition to the group session, we will offer optional one-to-one conversations via MS Teams at the below timeslots with suppliers to better understand market capabilities and perspectives.

Date Time

Wed 10/09/2025

12 noon to 1pm

1pm to 2pm

3pm to 4pm

Thursday 11/09/2025

9am to 10am

Wednesday 24/09/2025

12 noon to 1pm

1pm to 2pm

3pm to 4pm

Thursday 25/09/2025

9am to 10am

10am to 11am

12noon to 1pm

2pm to 3pm

3pm to 4pm

4pm to 5pm

To ensure transparency, a summary of key questions and answers (FAQs) arising from these discussions will be published following the engagement.

If you wish to attend the engagement session, please email [jack.hewitson@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:jack.hewitson@cumberland.gov.uk) by 9th September 9am

To book a one-to-one meeting please email [jack.hewitson@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:jack.hewitson@cumberland.gov.uk) by 12th September 5pm

If you have any questions ahead of the meeting on 9th September please email [lisa.studholme@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.studholme@cumberland.gov.uk)

The details of the engagement session are on the Councils Portal The Chest  
<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/> reference DN788584

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## Contracting authority

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