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Tender

## **Drug, Alcohol and DNA testing 2025**

Cheshire West and Chester Council

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

Drug, Alcohol and DNA testing 2025

Please find documents uploaded on the Chest -

[www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk)

### **Commercial tool**

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

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

- £360,000 excluding VAT

- £432,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

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

- 14 February 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years, 1 month, 15 days

Description of possible extension:

The service will determine if this contract continues to deliver best value to determine if the extension is to be utilised.

12 month possible option to extend

### **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

This is a framework agreement and the Council reserves the right to increase or decrease the volume or call off quantities and to utilise the extension if required.

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

## **Contract locations**

- UKD - North West (England)

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## **Framework**

### **Open framework scheme end date (estimated)**

31 March 2031

### **Maximum number of suppliers**

Unlimited

### **Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers**

0%

### **Framework operation description**

When the Council has a requirement for the service, they will refer in the first instance to the breakdown of testing costs supplied by providers at the start of contractual arrangements. After which the Council will approach the cheapest provider for that service and request availability / capacity. If they can supply, an order will be submitted and agreed. If they cannot supply, the commissioner will move to the next cheapest on the list and so on until the demand can be satisfied.

This framework is for Cheshire West and Chester Council use only. This is a light touch framework.

## **Award method when using the framework**

Without competition

## **Contracting authorities that may use the framework**

Establishing party only

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

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

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## **Submission**

### **Tender submission deadline**

1 October 2025, 10:00am

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

All tenders must be submitted via the Chest - [www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk)

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

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## **Award criteria**

Quality 80% / Price 20%

The full breakdown of criteria is included in the RFQ document.

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - open competition

### **Special regime**

Light touch

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Cheshire West and Chester Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCJB-2814-BHZP

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Region: UKD63 - Cheshire West and Chester

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government