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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

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

Participation

Particular suitability

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

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

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Quality 80% / Price 20%

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

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

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