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Planning

Community Support for Men

Ministry of Justice

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Updated: estimated contract values.

Scope

Reference

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Description

The Authority is seeking to procure the second generation services for Community Support for men to help them address rehabilitative needs and to desist from offending, across England (other than Greater Manchester, where a procurement for similar services will be led by GM Combined Authority) and Wales.

The budget for the men's services is £854,446,832 (inc. VAT) for the full term of the contracts (optional extensions included), final values will be confirmed once the spending review and governance is completed. There is an indicative launch date of September 2025, an indicative award date of October 2026 and an anticipated indicative go live date of March 2027. The proposed contract length shall be 5 years, with the option to extend by up to 3 further years. Please note, that all key decisions including budgets, contract length and dates are yet to be approved through internal governance and therefore may change.

The men's services will provide a combined, whole-person, individualised service to help service users:

- Build supportive relationships and social networks. This might include family relationships, friends, community groups and peer communities.
- Connect to a range of community-based activities and resources that matter to them. This could include volunteering, sport or constructive leisure activities.
- Progress towards recovery from drug or alcohol use and gambling.
- Achieve and maintain sustainable outcomes in relation to housing, employment and financial management.

The Delivery Partner, who will undertake the role of lead bidder, will be responsible for the delivery of all services in the specification. It is envisaged that to deliver the whole breath of services, a supply chain may be utilised under the direction of the Delivery Partner, who will instruct, engage and collaborate with a supply chain to ensure successful delivery of the required services.

Please note, these new combined services will replace the existing separate pathway services previously procured which cover Dependency & Recovery, Personal Wellbeing, Accommodation, Finance, Benefits Debt and Education, Training and Employment.

The authority will deliver this combined service by tendering 27 contracts across two waves of tenders:

Wave 1:

Lot 1 - Community Support for Men in Cleveland

Lot 2 - Community Support for Men in Durham

Lot 3 - Community Support for Men in Northumbria

Lot 4 - Community Support for Men in Cheshire, Merseyside

Lot 5 - Community Support for Men in Cumbria

Lot 6 - Community Support for Men in Lancashire

Lot 7 - Community Support for Men in North Wales, Dyfed-Powys

Lot 8 - Community Support for Men in Gwent, South Wales

Lot 9 - Community Support for Men in Thames Valley

Lot 10 - Community Support for Men in Hampshire

Lot 11 - Community Support for Men in Isle of Wight

Lot 12 - Community Support for Men in Avon and Somerset, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire

Lot 13 - Community Support for Men in Devon and Cornwall, Dorset

Lot 14 - Community Support for Men in Kent

Lot 15 - Community Support for Men in Surrey, Sussex

Wave 2:

Lot 16 - Community Support for Men in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire

Lot 17 - Community Support for Men in Leicestershire, Lincolnshire

Lot 18 - Community Support for Men in Staffordshire

Lot 19 - Community Support for Men in Warwickshire, West Midlands

Lot 20 - Community Support for Men in West Midlands

Lot 21 - Community Support for Men in Humberside, North Yorkshire

Lot 22 - Community Support for Men in South Yorkshire

Lot 23 - Community Support for Men in for West Yorkshire

Lot 24 - Community Support for Men in Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire

Lot 25 - Community Support for Men in Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk

Lot 26 - Community Support for Men in London 26 and over

Lot 27 - Community Support for Men in London 18 - 25

Together and within the contract, we aim to create responsive, innovative solutions and foster lasting, positive impacts. Partnerships will be at the core of these contracts to significantly enhance the capabilities and reach of the involved entities.

Total value (estimated)

- £712,039,027 excluding VAT
- £854,446,832 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2027 to 31 March 2032
- Possible extension to 31 March 2035
- 8 years, 1 month

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75231240 - Probation services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

24 September 2025

Engagement process description

Upcoming Market Engagement Events - Rehabilitative Services Recommissioning

Shape the Future of Rehabilitative Services - Get Involved!

We invite you to join us in architecting the next generation of Rehabilitative Services. We are launching a landmark series of collaborative events to bring together key partners to co-design the future of support in both Custody and the Community.

Over the coming weeks, all suppliers, whether long-standing partners or new entrants will have the opportunity to stay informed, influence decisions, and co-design services that make a real difference. This is your chance to get involved, contribute your expertise, and be part of building a service that truly changes lives.

Why Attend?

More than just updates, these events are catalysts for collaboration. This is a shared journey where we will unveil our latest findings, explain how they are shaping our path forward, and invite you to help chart the course. Your perspective is the vital ingredient in creating services built on trust, transparency, inclusivity, and ensuring they deliver meaningful impact for everyone who relies on them.

By taking part, you'll help:

- Influence future service design
- Receive first-hand updates
- Shape strong partnerships
- Foster collaboration
- Support transparency and trust
- Tailored for You

We've designed two complementary streams to support a diverse range of providers:

Strategic Workshops - For organisations looking to lead bids or form consortia. These sessions will focus on commercial models, governance, contract management, and performance frameworks.

Specialist Roundtables - For sub-contractors and niche providers. These events will spotlight frontline practice, innovation, and social-value delivery.

To foster true collaboration, we've opened every session to our entire supply chain network. Although each stream has a dedicated focus, we invite you to look beyond your immediate role. Choose the discussions where your unique perspective can add the most value or that offer fresh insights for your work.

Be Part of the Conversation

Your voice matters. These sessions are your opportunity to influence strategy, build meaningful partnerships, and collaborate on a service model that delivers long-term, life-changing impact.

Register today to secure your place. Let's build a high-impact, transparent, and collaborative rehabilitative service together.

Join us in setting the new standard for excellence in public provision.

What's Happening and When?

Market Informing (26th February 2025) - Completed.

Specification, Flexibility and Partnerships:

- 25th March 2025 (lead bidders/consortia) - Completed.
- 27th March 2025 (supply chain/sub-contractors) - Completed.

Consultation & Readiness on Key Commercial Components (e.g. evaluation questions, Pay mech, Performance etc.):

- 29th April 2025 (supply chain/sub-contractors) - Completed.
- 30th April 2025 (lead bidders/consortia) - Completed.

Potential Lead Bidder presentation events:

- 17th, 18th and 19th June 2025 - Completed.

Request slides for the above events at probationsourcingteam@justice.gov.uk

Regional Market Engagement - via Teams:

- Wales: 3rd July 2025 - Completed
- West Midlands: 9th July - Completed
- North West: 14th July - Completed
- South Central: 15th July - Completed
- London: 17th July - Completed
- East of England: 22nd July - Completed
- South West: 23rd July - Completed
- Yorkshire and the Humber: 28th July - Completed
- East Midlands: 30th July - Completed
- Kent, Surrey and Sussex: 31st July - Completed

- North East: 31st July - Completed

PA23 Central Digital Platform Upskilling:

- 19th August 2025 - via Teams - Completed

Engagement and Final Tender Documentation:

- 11th September 2025 - via Teams - Completed

How to Register

Complete our Microsoft Registration Form to be added to our mailing list to receive registration links for each event via email:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=KEeHxuZx_kGp4S6MNndq2NAs-bacbL5KgGpbTkzCjSJUNTc0SjdUMFBRMU0yRDILNUNOSVdCMEpMSy4u&route=shorturl

Don't miss this chance to engage, collaborate, and shape the future!

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

25 September 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Ministry of Justice

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDNN-2773-HVYN

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United Kingdom

Contact name: Probation Sourcing Team

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Website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice/about/procurement>

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government