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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 and terminology.

### **Scope**

### **Reference**

prj\_14564

## 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.

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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 Mercia

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 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)**

- £712,039,026 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

Description of possible extension:

Potential for multiple extensions up to 3 years.

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 75231240 - Probation services

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

## **Lot constraints**

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Highest total weighted score, including both quality and financial assessment

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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £13,710,573 excluding VAT
- £16,452,687 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 2. Community Support for Men in Durham**

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## Lot value (estimated)

- £21,359,692 excluding VAT
- £25,631,630 including VAT

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## **Lot 3. Community Support for Men in Northumbria**

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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £18,828,043 excluding VAT
- £22,593,651 including VAT

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## **Lot 4. Community Support for Men in Cheshire, Merseyside**

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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £39,165,019 excluding VAT
- £46,998,023 including VAT

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## **Lot 5. Community Support for Men in Cumbria**

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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £6,413,276 excluding VAT
- £7,695,932 including VAT

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## **Lot 6. Community Support for Men in Lancashire**

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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £30,361,930 excluding VAT
- £36,434,317 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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

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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £17,910,178 excluding VAT
- £21,492,213 including VAT

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## **Lot 8. Community Support for Men in Gwent, South Wales**

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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £38,381,715 excluding VAT
- £46,058,058 including VAT

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## **Lot 9. Community Support for Men in Thames Valley**

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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £23,418,684 excluding VAT
- £28,102,421 including VAT

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## **Lot 10. Community Support for Men in Hampshire**

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- £18,084,822 excluding VAT
- £21,701,787 including VAT

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## **Lot 11. Community Support for Men in Isle of Wight**

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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £1,434,588 excluding VAT
- £1,721,506 including VAT

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## **Lot 12. Community Support for Men in Somerset, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire**

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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £25,935,635 excluding VAT
- £31,122,762 including VAT

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## **Lot 13. Community Support for Men in Devon and Cornwall, Dorset**

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## **Lot value (estimated)**

- £23,951,470 excluding VAT
- £28,741,764 including VAT

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## **Lot 14. Community Support for Men in Kent**

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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £28,298,542 excluding VAT
- £33,958,250 including VAT

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## **Lot 15. Community Support for Men in Surrey, Sussex**

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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £18,624,929 excluding VAT
- £22,349,914 including VAT

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## **Lot 16. Community Support for Men in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire**

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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £37,249,388 excluding VAT
- £44,699,266 including VAT

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## **Lot 17. Community Support for Men in Leicestershire, Lincolnshire**

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## **Lot value (estimated)**

- £25,307,193 excluding VAT
- £30,368,631 including VAT

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## Lot 18. Community Support for Men in Staffordshire

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## **Lot value (estimated)**

- £31,978,499 excluding VAT
- £38,374,199 including VAT

## **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 19. Community Support for Men in Warwickshire, West Mercia**

### **Description**

Community Support for Men in Warwickshire, West Mercia:

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.

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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.

Each probation region hosted their own market engagement events in July 2025 as part of the wider engagement activity. The event for the West Midlands Probation Region was held on July 9, 2025.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £22,836,761 excluding VAT
- £27,404,113 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 20. Community Support for Men in West Midlands**

### **Description**

Community Support for Men in West Midlands:

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.
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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £33,352,568 excluding VAT
- £40,023,082 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 21. Community Support for Men in Humberside, North Yorkshire**

### **Description**

Community Support for Men in Humberside, North Yorkshire:

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.
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Each probation region hosted their own market engagement events in July 2025 as part of the wider engagement activity. The event for the Yorkshire and the Humber Probation Region was held on July 28, 2025

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £16,613,812 excluding VAT
- £19,936,575 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 22. Community Support for Men in South Yorkshire**

## Description

Community Support for Men in South Yorkshire:

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.
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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.

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## Lot value (estimated)

- £18,143,947 excluding VAT
- £21,772,736 including VAT

**Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 23. Community Support for Men in West Yorkshire**

### **Description**

Community Support for Men in West Yorkshire:

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.
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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £24,520,710 excluding VAT
- £29,424,852 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 24. Community Support for Men in Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire**

### **Description**

Community Support for Men in Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire:

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.
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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.

Each probation region hosted their own market engagement events in July 2025 as part of the wider engagement activity. The event for the East of England Probation Region was held on July 22, 2025.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £25,948,062 excluding VAT
- £31,137,675 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 25. Community Support for Men in Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk**

### **Description**

Community Support for Men in Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk:

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.

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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £26,732,386 excluding VAT
- £32,078,863 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 26. Community Support for Men in London 26 and over**

### **Description**

Community Support for Men in London 26 and over:

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.
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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.

Each probation region hosted their own market engagement events in July 2025 as part of the wider engagement activity. The event for the London Probation Region was held on July 17, 2025.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £95,096,681 excluding VAT
- £114,116,017 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 27. Community Support for Men in London 18 - 25**

## Description

Community Support for Men in London 18 – 25:

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.

Each probation region hosted their own market engagement events in July 2025 as part of the wider engagement activity. The event for the London Probation Region was held on July 17, 2025

## Lot value (estimated)

- £28,379,923 excluding VAT
- £34,055,908 including VAT

**Same for all lots**

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

25 September 2025

### **Enquiry deadline**

10 October 2025, 1:00pm

### **Submission type**

Requests to participate

### **Deadline for requests to participate**

20 October 2025, 1:00pm

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

<https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

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

Yes

## Languages that may be used for submission

English

## Award decision date (estimated)

11 September 2026

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## Award criteria

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Delivery Model & Knowledge of the Local Landscape	Please note the questions are the same in the main but there are amendments for two regions that will not buy in-housing services.	Quality	22%
Partnerships	Please note the questions are the same in the main but there are amendments for two regions that will not buy in-housing services.	Quality	19%
Staff	Please note the questions are the same in the main but there are amendments for two regions that will not buy in-housing services.	Quality	12.5%

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Flexibility	Please note the questions are the same in the main but there are amendments for two regions that will not buy in-housing services.	Quality	11%
Continuous Improvement	Please note the questions are the same in the main but there are amendments for two regions that will not buy in-housing services.	Quality	10.5%
Social Value	Please note the questions are the same in the main but there are amendments for two regions that will not buy in-housing service.	Quality	10%
Mobilisation	Please note the questions are the same in the main but there are amendments for two regions that will not buy in-housing services.	Quality	5%
Value for Money 1	Please note the questions are the same in the main but there are amendments for two regions that will not buy in-housing services.	Quality	3%
Value for Money 2	Please note the questions are the same in the main but there are amendments for two regions that will not buy in-housing service.	Quality	3%

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Finance 1	Please note the questions are the same in the main but there are amendments for two regions that will not buy in-housing services.	Quality	2%
Finance 2	Please note the questions are the same in the main but there are amendments for two regions that will not buy in-housing services.	Quality	2%

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## **Other information**

### **Payment terms**

Subject to the relevant provisions of the Contract, the Funding Partner will must pay the Delivery Partner the Charges:

- before the end of the period of thirty (30) days beginning with the day on which an invoice is received by the Funding Partner in respect of the sum; or
- if later, by the date on which the payment falls due in accordance with the invoice, subject to the invoice being verified by the Funding Partner as valid and undisputed; and
- in cleared funds using the payment method and details stated in the invoice or in the Award Form.
- A Delivery Partner invoice is only valid if it:
  - includes the minimum required information set out in section 68(9) of the Procurement Act 2023;
  - includes all appropriate references including this Agreement reference number and other

details reasonably requested by the Funding Partner; and

- includes a detailed breakdown of delivered Services and Milestone(s) (if any).

The Delivery Partner will include a clause in all sub-contracts requiring payment of all sums due to Supply Chain Partners within no more than thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice received from a Supply Chain Partner.

The default requirement will be for the Delivery Partner to use the Funding Partners e-invoicing system.

All invoices will be paid in GBP by electronic transfer of funds to the bank account that the relevant Party has specified on its invoice.

## **Description of risks to contract performance**

In line with Section 74 and Schedule 8 of the Procurement Act 2023, and recognising that this is a light touch contract, the Funding Partner has prepared a list of Known Risks which, at the time of publication, are accurate and relevant. These are available below:

**Inflation – High CPI Impacting Contract Viability:**

Unexpected increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) may significantly raise the cost of delivering contracted services, potentially rendering the contract financially unviable over time. This risk doesn't change the position and mechanism provided in the ITT and contract documentation and this method should be applied when modelling the solution and which may result in a change of scope and/or contract value.

**Departmental Reprioritisation:**

There is a risk that changes in government policy, ministerial priorities, or funding allocations particularly following a General Election, departmental restructuring, or HM Treasury spending reviews may significantly impact the delivery of probation services. This includes potential shifts in focus between custodial and community-based interventions, changes to the Integrated Offender Management (IOM), or the introduction of new rehabilitation programmes (e.g. through the Reducing Reoffending Delivery Plan), resulting in a change of scope and/or contract value.

**Co-commissioning Mid-contract:**

There is a strategic risk associated with the need to introduce co-commissioned services

during the lifetime of the contract to maximise outcome for service users across multiple public sector organisations. The current commissioning may not be sufficiently flexible to accommodate new or evolving partnership arrangements once the contract is underway, resulting in a change of scope and/or contract value.

## **Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

### **Special regime**

Light touch

### **Competitive flexible procedure description**

Contracts will be competed through a competitive flexible procedure, following a three-stage tender process of written tender responses.

Stage 1 – Procurement Specific Questionnaire

The Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) is a set of questions that a Bidder must satisfy to be able to go to the next stage of this procurement. These questions will relate to the Bidders legal and financial capacity as well as their technical ability.

Bidders will indicated which of the 27 lots they wish to be invited to tender for in this stage.

After outcome letters, bidders who passed all of the PSQ stages will be invited to Stage 2.

## Stage 2 – Invitation to Tender

Suppliers who successfully pass Stage 1 PSQ shall be invited to Stage 2 ITT

For this stage, the procurement process shall compete 27 separate Lots, which will result in a maximum total of 27 separate Contracts. The Lots shall be competed in two separate competition waves as outlined in the procurement description.

The tender documents shall contain quality questions, and financial response template, along with a draft contract and associated schedules which require a written tender response for each Lot respectively.

## Stage 3 – Preferred Supplier Stage (optional)

Once the evaluation and moderation for both Tender waves is completed, the Funding Partner will review the current indicative timeline and assess whether a Preferred Supplier Stage can be conducted in full, in a comprehensive and efficient manner for both parties.

If the Funding Partner deems there is sufficient time to conduct this, they shall notify Suppliers and shall conduct in an indicative timeframe of 20 working days (subject to change).

If enacted, the Preferred Supplier Stage will cover the following:

Contract Finalisation – ensure all contractual provisions are clearly understood and agreed in line with the terms set out in the procurement process.

Mobilisation Planning - agree key activities, responsibilities and timelines ahead of commencement of the contract.

Mitigating Reservations – the purpose of these discussions is to reduce, mitigate or remove the risk caused by reservations that may arise during the contract term. It is not permitted as part of these discussions to alter the bid in a material way that would have changed the result of the tender process.

Contract Management Setup – Establishing governance, reporting requirements, data requirements, responsibilities and timelines for regular contract management activity.

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## Contracting authority

### Ministry of Justice

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDNN-2773-HVYN

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London

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United Kingdom

Contact name: Probation Sourcing Team

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Website:

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government