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Tender

Invitation to Tender for Public Research 2025-2026

General Dental Council

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Scope

Reference

GDC-2025-029

Description

The GDC desire to undertake research that will capture public voice and are evidence-informed, with the aim of understanding the public's demand for, experiences of, views about and their confidence in dental care, and to understand:

- a. What factors are affecting the supply and demand of dental services and what their impact is on the availability of and access to dental care.
- b. What the public's experiences and views tell us about their confidence, safety, demand for services and future intentions.

The overarching aim of the research with the public is to maintain and build on public voice in the evidence that informs GDC activity, the objectives of the research are for the public research are:

- To understand the factors that affect public safety and confidence in the dental industry;
- To understand the factors that affect the public's choices about their dental health (frequency and type of use);
- To understand the factors that affect the public's access to services that they need;
- To explore the public's confidence in the sector, including regulation
- To, where possible and useful, continue to measure change over time, comparing with our three previous research sweeps with the public;
- To inform the GDC's new corporate strategy.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

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Total value (estimated)

- £48,000 excluding VAT
- £60,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 January 2026 to 1 May 2026
- 3 months, 17 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services
- 73110000 - Research services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 79315000 - Social research services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

3 October 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

31 October 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/delta/buyers/select/viewListStatus.html?id=982930657>**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Commercial	Price	30%
Research design and methods	Quality	20%
Managing delivery of the research	Quality	15%
knowledge, skills, and experience	Quality	15%
Understanding the context and rationale for research with the public	Quality	10%
Presentation	Quality	10%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

General Dental Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNVG-6917-QHLP

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