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Tender

Provision of Legal Services Fitness to Practise case preparation and presentation

The Health and Care Professions Council

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Scope

Reference

HCPC/TRN/2025/32

Description

The Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) invites tenders for the provision of external legal services to support the preparation, management, and presentation of Fitness to Practise (FtP) cases.

The appointed supplier(s) will investigate and manage complex and high-risk FtP cases, prepare them for hearings, and provide advocacy services before the Health and Care Professions Tribunal Service (HCPTS) and relevant courts.

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)

- £24,000,000 excluding VAT
- £28,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

An optional provision to extend for a maximum of two periods of 12 months each, subject to agreement between the parties to the contract.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Additional services excluded from the ITT shall only be undertaken upon approval and formalisation through a Variation Order.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

31 March 2030

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Refer to attached Invitation to Tender (ITT)

Award method when using the framework

With competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

17 October 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

5 November 2025, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

No

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

24 November 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
The Quality & Technical Requirements	Quality	60%
The Cost and Commercial element	Price	30%
The Presentation and Interview Cost		10%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

[Provision of Legal Services - FtP - V.4 \[06Oct2025\].doc](#)

Contracting authority

The Health and Care Professions Council

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