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Planning

Connect to Work

Devon County Council

Torbay Council

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Scope

Reference

CP2662-24

Description

Connect to Work is a DWP programme grant funded through DCC as the lead accountable body on behalf of Torbay, Plymouth and Devon.

The Programme requires the delivery to the following persons with social disability or other priority audiences who are:

- Economically inactive or unemployed: Person has not worked for around 6 months due to their disability, long term health condition or disadvantages and feel they need comprehensive tailored employment support to help them to identify the right roles for their needs and to engage in effective job search towards work.
- Employed but risk of dropping out of work: Person is working/Self-employed for at least

3 months and is struggling to sustain employment due to their disability, long term health condition or disadvantages. However, it is acceptable to offer support to individuals who have been employed for shorter periods where the Accountable Body judges that would be appropriate.

- Maintaining work: Person has never been in employment or a track record of struggling to retain jobs/sustain employment due to their disability, long term health condition or disadvantages

The programme is delivered through a Supported Employment model - a place train and maintain model delivered through a five-stage process. There are two approaches, both using recognised international standards (Fidelity Models) and both using the principles that participants are employed in the Open Labour Market, it being Paid Work with Ongoing Support provided.

- IPS integrates employment support alongside primary and secondary health services, and other support services. This integration ideally occurs at a physical level, through co-location and other policies, where applicable. IPS has been successfully utilised within the Individual Placement and Support in Primary Care (IPSPC) programme to support individuals with mild to moderate mental health and/or physical health conditions. Universal Support will utilise and expand on the approach taken with IPSPC. Whilst Universal Support will complement IPS Severe Mental Illness and IPS Alcohol and Drugs, these will remain separate IPS services.
- SEQF is (as required) a more in-depth intervention than the form of IPS used for Universal Support. SEQF is oriented most usually around supporting learning disabled and/or autistic adults as well as others with complex support needs where clinical integration is not needed or appropriate.

Devon County Council intends to host a Tender Launch Event after publication of the ITT and the Tender Notice. The event will be hosted via Microsoft Teams, and we currently anticipate the date to be Monday 13th October 2025 at 11:00am-12:30pm. This will be an opportunity to discuss the service, ask questions, and help bidders navigate around the tender documentation and the procurement process. This event will be recorded and will be uploaded to the Procurement Portal alongside the presentation shortly afterwards.

If you would like to attend this event, please complete the following Tender Launch Event form so that we can send you an invite link before the event -

<https://forms.office.com/e/yq28axhfD>

If there are any changes to the date and time for the Tender Launch Event, they will be detailed in the ITT documents and Tender Notice upon publication.

Total value (estimated)

- £3,565,300 excluding VAT
- £4,278,360 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 18 December 2025 to 18 December 2026
- Possible extension to 18 December 2027
- 2 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

The Authority may extend the Contract up to 1 year (12 months), depending on the Authority's requirements and the supplier's success in achieving the requisite outcomes. The extension would modify the contract budget and volume of participants as set out in Specification documents.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79611000 - Job search services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Lot constraints

Maximum number of lots a supplier can be awarded: 4

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Bidders may submit Tenders in respect of all lots. Regardless of the number of lots Tendered for, a Bidder may only be awarded a maximum of 2 lots per Authority (2 for DCC and 2 for Torbay) pursuant to this Procurement. Lot 1 will be evaluated first and subsequent lots will be evaluated in numerical order. In the event that a Bidder has been identified as submitting the most advantageous tender for the maximum number of lots, that Bidder's Tender will be disregarded in relation to further lots.

Not the same for all lots

Contract locations are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. IPS in Exeter, East Devon and Mid Devon

Description

IPS services delivered in Exeter, East Devon and Mid Devon.

Lot value (estimated)

- £566,100 excluding VAT

- £679,320 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKK43 - Devon CC

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. IPS in Torridge and North Devon

Description

IPS services delivered in Torridge and North Devon.

Lot value (estimated)

- £566,100 excluding VAT
- £679,320 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKK43 - Devon CC

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. IPS in Teignbridge, South Hams and West Devon

Description

IPS services delivered in Teignbridge, South Hams and West Devon.

Lot value (estimated)

- £566,100 excluding VAT
- £679,320 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKK43 - Devon CC

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. SEQF in Exeter, East Devon and Mid Devon

Description

SEQF services delivered in Exeter, East Devon and Mid Devon.

Lot value (estimated)

- £222,600 excluding VAT
- £267,120 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKK43 - Devon CC

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 5. SEQF in Torridge and North Devon

Description

SEQF services delivered in Torridge and North Devon.

Lot value (estimated)

- £222,600 excluding VAT
- £267,120 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKK43 - Devon CC

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 6. SEQF in Teignbridge, South Hams and West Devon

Description

SEQF services delivered in Teignbridge, South Hams and West Devon.

Lot value (estimated)

- £222,600 excluding VAT
- £267,120 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKK43 - Devon CC

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 7. Torbay IPS

Description

IPS services delivered in Torbay.

Lot value (estimated)

- £684,200 excluding VAT
- £821,040 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKK42 - Torbay

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 8. Torbay SEQF

Description

SEQF services delivered in Torbay.

Lot value (estimated)

- £515,000 excluding VAT
- £618,000 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKK42 - Torbay

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

8 October 2025

Enquiry deadline

27 October 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

3 November 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders must be submitted electronically via www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

18 December 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	90%
Price	Price	10%

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authorities

Devon County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJRC-4623-RJBH

County Hall, Topsham Road,

Exeter,

EX2 4QD

United Kingdom

Email: procurement-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Region: UKK43 - Devon CC

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Torbay Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXLG-3144-TYMJ

Town Hall

Torquay

TQ1 3DR

United Kingdom

Email: commercial.services@torbay.gov.uk

Region: UKK42 - Torbay

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Contact organisation

Contact Devon County Council for any enquiries.