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Planning

Connect to Work

Tees Valley Combined Authority

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Changes to notice

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

TVCA Cabinet 26th September 2025 approved a mixed model of delivery for the Tees Valley Connect to Work programme. This Model will see the programme led by Hartlepool Borough Council in partnership with the Tees Valley Local Authorities. Hartlepool Borough Council will undertake further market engagement late Autumn that will engage further delivery partners to deliver specialist services across the region.

Scope

Description

Connect to Work is a voluntary employment program launched by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). It aims to help individuals who are economically inactive, unemployed, or at risk of losing their jobs due to disabilities or long-term health conditions. The program provides targeted support to eligible participants, assisting them in finding and maintaining employment.

Tees Valley Combined Authority is the Accountable Body (AB) for Connect to Work and will host a pre-market engagement event with key partners, stakeholders and interested parties prior to official procurement activities to support shaping our approach to commissioning the program.

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Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 October 2025 to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 5 months, 2 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75110000 - General public services
- 75130000 - Supporting services for the government
- 79611000 - Job search services

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

Contract locations

- UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees
- UKC12 - South Teesside
- UKC13 - Darlington

Engagement

Engagement deadline

9 May 2025

Engagement process description

The pre market engagement face-to-face event will take place on Tuesday 15th April 2025 09:30 - 12:30 at Tees Valley Combined Authority, Teesside Airport Business Suite, Teesside International Airport, Darlington, DL2 1NJ and outline Connect to Work, the role of the TVCA as the Accountable Body, provide an overview of our evidence base and outline our approach to the development of our Delivery Plan. The event aims to shape our approach to commissioning by gaining an understanding of the current market. The program will commence Autumn 2025 and running through to March 2030.

Suppliers wishing to attend the event are required to register via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tees-valley-work-and-health-programmes-pre-market-engagement-session-tickets-1318784533039>

Following this event we will engage with potential suppliers and issue a questionnaire to gauge the current market and seek their feedback on approaches to delivery. Suppliers will have until 5pm on 9th May 2025 to complete the questionnaire.

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