

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/066756-2025>

Award

Learning Disability / Mental Health Supported Living (Service User Choice)

Durham County Council

UK5: Transparency notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-066756

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05cfde

Published 20 October 2025, 2:33pm

Scope

Reference

002817

Description

Direct awards will be issued to any commissioning approved Provider who a service user chooses to access for a Learning Disability / Mental Health Supported Living service.

Each individual service user contract is not expected to exceed LTR threshold.

This notice will cover multiple providers.

Contract 1. Learning Disability / Mental Health Supported Living (Service User Choice)

Suppliers

Supplier not yet selected

Contract value

- £68,071,639 excluding VAT
- £68,071,639 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

20 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 October 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 5 months, 12 days

Description of possible extension:

Should the supported living service still meet service user need then the contract will be extended until such a time when it does not meet service user need.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKC14 - Durham CC

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Light touch

Direct award justification

User choice contract

User choice contract

User Choice Contract - Taken from PA23:

15. The public contract is a contract for the supply of user choice services and the conditions in paragraph 17 are met.

16. In paragraph 15, "user choice services" means services-

(a) that are of a kind specified in regulations under section 9 (light touch contracts),

(b) that are supplied for the benefit of a particular individual, and

(c) in respect of which a contracting authority would, in awarding a contract for their supply, be required under an enactment to have regard to the views of the individual, or a person providing care to the individual (their "carer"), in relation to who should supply the services.

17. The conditions are that-

(a) the individual to whom the services are to be supplied or their carer has expressed a preference as to who should supply the services, or the nature of the services to be supplied is such that only one supplier is capable of providing them, and

(b) the contracting authority considers that it is not in the best interests of the individual to award the contract under section 19.

Contracting authority

Durham County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMPB-8772-VYWM

Corten House, Dunholme Close

Durham

DH1 5WB

United Kingdom

Email: corporate.procurement@durham.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.durham.gov.uk/>

Region: UKC14 - Durham CC

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government