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Planning

Connect to Work - Market Engagement

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

DN795204

Description

Connect to Work Programme

Online Market Engagement Event

Date: Thursday, 6 November 2025

Time: 10:30 – 12:30

Eventbrite Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/connect-to-work-market-engagement-tickets-1851343190319?aff=oddtcreator>

Teams Link: Available within the Eventbrite page

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A core aim of the Government’s economic growth mission is to build an inclusive labour market, improve living standards, and ensure sustainable funding for public services. Connect to Work supports the Government’s ambition to achieve an 80% employment rate, forming a key component of reforms to employment support — integrating skills, health, and pathways into sustained employment.

As the Lead Authority and Accountable Body for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, CPCA will commission, implement, and manage the Connect to Work Programme. Delivery will align with local priorities and will be supported through partnerships with health services, employers, and wider system stakeholders to enhance regional awareness and collaboration.

This market engagement session will provide system partners with an update on the programme’s progress and give potential Prime Providers an overview of the planned approach ahead of the formal procurement process.

This session will offer:

- An update on the programme’s development and objectives.
- Insight for prospective Prime Providers and system partners ahead of the procurement launch.
- An opportunity to discuss delivery expectations and collaboration opportunities.

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions – CPCA representatives
2. Programme Update – Status of Connect to Work and system development
3. Specification Overview – Key delivery themes and requirements
4. Procurement Process – Next steps and indicative timeline
5. Q&A Session

Total value (estimated)

- £12,291,042 excluding VAT
- £14,750,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

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

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 79634000 - Career guidance services
- 79600000 - Recruitment services
- 80521000 - Training programme services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services
- 79611000 - Job search services

Contract locations

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC
- UKH11 - Peterborough

Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 November 2025

Engagement process description

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Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBXV-5726-VWGJ

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government