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Award

## Employee Counselling Services

Sunderland City Council

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## Scope

## Description

Sunderland City Council is seeking to appoint a Contractor to provide Counselling Services to its employees which is independent from the Council.

## Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

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## Contract 1

**Supplier**

- SUNDERLAND COUNSELLING SERVICE

**Contract value**

- £450,000 excluding VAT
- £540,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

**Award decision date**

21 October 2025

**Earliest date the contract will be signed**

31 October 2025

**Contract dates (estimated)**

- 3 November 2025 to 2 November 2028
- 3 years

**Main procurement category**

Services

**CPV classifications**

- 85312320 - Counselling services

## **Contract locations**

- UKC23 - Sunderland

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## **Information about tenders**

- 7 tenders received
- 5 tenders assessed in the final stage:
  - 5 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 3 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 4 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - open competition

### **Special regime**

Light touch

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## Supplier

### SUNDERLAND COUNSELLING SERVICE

- Companies House: 03315039
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCLC-3184-QQTW

51 John Street

Sunderland

SR1 1QN

United Kingdom

Email: [office@sunderlandcounselling.org.uk](mailto:office@sunderlandcounselling.org.uk)

Website: <http://www.sunderlandcounselling.org.uk>

Region: UKC23 - Sunderland

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

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## Contracting authority

**Sunderland City Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLVZ-4154-GGRZ

City Hall, Plater Way,

Sunderland

SR1 3AA

United Kingdom

Email: [grant.richardson@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:grant.richardson@sunderland.gov.uk)

Region: UKC23 - Sunderland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government