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Planning

DHSC:ASC: Better Care Fund 2026 - RFI

Department of Health & Social Care

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Scope

Reference

C398406

Description

Support to a comprehensive Better Care Fund programme of Health, Housing and Social Care integration support that provides support to social care local systems. To help systems deliver person centred integrated services.

Total value (estimated)

- £5,000,000 excluding VAT

- £6,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2028
- 2 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75122000 - Administrative healthcare services
- 85321000 - Administrative social services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

13 November 2025

Engagement process description

DHSC would like to invite organisations within the health and social care sector to be involved in a Request for Information exercise for the upcoming tender opportunity for the Better Care Fund 26/27.

To access this RFI opportunity, organisations will need to access the opportunity on the e-portal (Atamis). Suppliers can register for Atamis here (<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>).

You can find the opportunity here (https://atamis-1928.my.salesforce-sites.com/ProSpend__CS_ContractPage?SearchType=Projects&uid=a07Sr00000lrEbNIAU&searchStr=&sortStr=Recently+Published&page=1&filters=&County=)

Once suppliers have accessed the opportunity, they will be able to view the two accompanying documents, one will be background to the authority and requirements and the second a market consultation questionnaire. Please submit the completed questionnaire via the RFI opportunity via Atamis.

This is a unique opportunity to help shape the tender and ensure the opportunity is attractive to the market.

We look forward to your completed responses, Thank you.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

19 January 2026

Contracting authority

Department of Health & Social Care

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government