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Planning

Community Based Day Opportunities for Adults 18+

Wirral Council

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Scope

Reference

DN796354

Description

We are inviting providers to share their ideas, innovations, and capabilities to help us shape the future of day opportunities in Wirral. This is a chance to influence the design of services that promote independence, inclusion, and wellbeing for people with disabilities and other support needs, while also providing meaningful respite for parents and carers.

We are particularly interested in:

- Creative and community-based alternatives to traditional day services
- Digital and technology-enabled solutions
- Models that promote employment, volunteering, and lifelong learning

- Approaches that support people with complex needs in a personalised way

The Council is undertaking this engagement under Regulation 16 of the Procurement Act 2023 to:

- Refine the commissioning approach
- Shape the future modernisation of the service model
- Understand market capacity, innovation, and interest

As part of the review process, the Council wishes to undertake Soft Market Testing. The purpose of the testing is to allow the Council an opportunity to refine its approach and shape our Day Opportunities offer.

Soft Market Testing exercise is published on the CHEST portal (<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>) where interested parties can access the document.

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Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKD74 - Wirral

Engagement

Engagement deadline

17 November 2025

Engagement process description

Please refer to the Soft Market Testing document published on the CHEST portal (<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>), Ref: DN796354

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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