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Planning

The Supply of Care Equipment for Daily Living

Cumberland Council

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Scope

Description

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As part of this work, we are exploring whether to continue with the retail model or consider alternative approaches. Your feedback will help us understand market perspectives, assess the effectiveness of the current model, and identify opportunities for innovation or improvement.

We invite suppliers to complete a short questionnaire to share their views and complete the tariff spreadsheet which is available via the Chest Procurement portal. For further details and to access the pre-market engagement documents, use the council's online procurement portal - The Chest - <https://www.the-chest.org.uk>. Registration on The Chest

is free.

<https://procontract.due-north.com/AdvertiserId=a58ece6e-81b9-f011-813a-005056b64545>

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 May 2026 to 9 May 2028
- Possible extension to 9 May 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 33196000 - Medical aids

Contract locations

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Engagement

Engagement deadline

28 November 2025

Engagement process description

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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

Cumberland Council

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