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Planning

2526-0042 Locally Commissioned Services for Smoking

London Borough of Islington

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Scope

Reference

2526-0042

Description

Islington Council is commissioning providers to deliver its Community Pharmacy Smoking Cessation Locally Commissioned Service (LCS) under the Provider Selection Regime (PSR) - Direct Award Process B.

This service offers structured support to smokers who wish to quit, delivered by trained professionals in community pharmacy settings. Providers will be expected to deliver a stop smoking intervention consisting of six one-to-one behavioural support sessions, including the supply of nicotine replacement therapy (NRT). At least one session (the quit date) must be delivered face-to-face, and all sessions must align with the National Centre for Smoking Cessation and Training (NCSCT) standard treatment programme (updated October 2019).

The contract will operate on an activity-based payment model:

£40 per client for assessment, registration, and quit date (subject to outcome recording).

£10 per client for those lost to follow-up.

£40 per client still smoking at 4 weeks post quit date.

£70 per client who quits at 4 weeks (self-reported or CO verified).

This notice confirms that preliminary market engagement has taken place via direct Expression of Interest (EOI) letters sent to eligible community pharmacies. All providers who meet the requirements and submit a completed EOI form will be awarded a contract.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85149000 - Pharmacy services

Contract locations

- UKI - London
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

15 December 2025

Engagement process description

The contracting authority is undertaking a Direct Award Process B under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 for the provision of Locally Commissioned Smoking Cessation Services (Ref: 2526-0042).

Preliminary market engagement has taken place via direct communication with eligible providers. Expression of Interest (EOI) letters have been issued to all pharmacies currently delivering the service, inviting them to confirm their continued participation.

The EOI form includes all necessary procurement questions under PSR and will be used to confirm eligibility and award contracts.

This notice is being published to ensure transparency and to notify the market that engagement has occurred. All providers who meet the requirements and submit a completed form will be awarded a contract.

Any clarifications required will be handled by commissioners via email.

Contracting authority

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