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Planning

## **Provision of Health and Social Care Community Equipment**

Gloucestershire County Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

DN794456

### **Description**

Introduction:

Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) is reviewing how it sources Health and Social Care community equipment. We are looking to better understand the market and see what we can learn from it to support the development of the service.

To support us to progress this work we would like to invite providers of community equipment to complete the below questionnaire to support GCC to further develop knowledge of the market, offering feedback and any creative suggestions on how to achieve our vision.

Background:

Under the Care Act 2014, local authorities have a statutory duty to provide community equipment to support individuals with care and support needs. In Gloucestershire, this responsibility is fulfilled through the Gloucestershire Equipment Loans Service (GELS), an in-house service operated by Gloucestershire County Council. GELS enables health and social care professionals to prescribe and arrange the loan of equipment to residents of all ages across the county, supporting the prevent, reduce and delay aims of the Care Act by helping them to live independently at home and support daily living.

The logistics and distribution functions of GELS are managed directly by GCC within the Adult Social Care Directorate, ensuring integrated service delivery and alignment with broader care and support strategies.

Types of Equipment Supplied:

Mobility aids (e.g. walking frames, wheelchairs)

Bathing and toileting equipment (e.g. shower chairs, commodes)

Beds and mattresses

Mobile hoists and slings

Daily living aids (e.g. perching stools).

This contract will be split into Lots, which are yet to be determined.

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £12,000,000 excluding VAT
- £14,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

This contract can be extended for 2 periods of up to 12 months

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **CPV classifications**

- 33100000 - Medical equipments

### **Contract locations**

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

- UKK - South West (England)

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## **Framework**

### **Maximum number of suppliers**

Unlimited

### **Award method when using the framework**

Either with or without competition

### **Contracting authorities that may use the framework**

Establishing party only

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

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

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## **Submission**

**Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

19 January 2026

**Tender submission deadline**

2 February 2026, 12:00pm

**Submission address and any special instructions**

[www.supplyingthesouthwest.co.uk](http://www.supplyingthesouthwest.co.uk)

**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

**Languages that may be used for submission**

English

**Award decision date (estimated)**

20 February 2026

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**Procedure**

**Procedure type**

Open procedure

## Reduced tendering period

Yes

Qualifying planned procurement notice - minimum 10 days

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## Contracting authority

### Gloucestershire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZHT-7473-ZVPN

Shire Hall, Westgate Street

Gloucester

GL1 2TG

United Kingdom

Email: [cdpactivitylog@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:cdpactivitylog@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Region: UKK13 - Gloucestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government