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Tender

## **T2695 Medical and First Aid Provision at Fleadh Cheoil 2026**

Belfast City Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

T2695

### **Description**

Belfast City Council invites expressions of interest from suitably qualified providers for the management of medical and first aid services at the Fleadh Cheoil event in Belfast, August 2026.

This includes, but is not limited to: Establishment and operation of a dedicated medical centre, Provision and maintenance of appropriate medical equipment, Deployment of trained medical and first aid personnel, Supply of suitable vehicles for medical response, Delivery of relevant training and certification, Provision of radios or other communication equipment to support medical coordination. EOIs should be emailed to [cps@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:cps@belfastcity.gov.uk) by Friday 28 November 2025. On receipt, Bidders will be issued a Project Brief and asked to reconfirm interest. Those who reconfirm will be invited to further stages, likely including:

Stage 1 – Engagement to assess capability and scope requirements. Stage 2 – Competitive tendering.

Any value stated is indicative only, with the final value determined through market engagement.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £1,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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

- 1 February 2026 to 31 January 2027
- Possible extension to 31 January 2028
- 2 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend for a further 12 month period.

### **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Sufficient flexibility will be included in the contract documents to cover all associated services and contingencies.

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 85143000 - Ambulance services
- 85141000 - Services provided by medical personnel

## **Contract locations**

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

Will be included in the tender documents when ready.

### **Technical ability conditions of participation**

Will be included in the tender documents when ready.

### **Particular suitability**

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

## **Submission**

### **Submission type**

Requests to participate

### **Deadline for requests to participate**

28 November 2025, 12:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

Please email expression of interest to [cps@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:cps@belfastcity.gov.uk)

Once finalised the tender process will be managed using <https://e-sourcingni.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/>

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

### **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

### **Award decision date (estimated)**

30 January 2026

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## Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Quality	This will be determined later in line with competitive flexible process set out.	Quality
Social value	This will be determined later in line with competitive flexible process set out.	Quality
Cost	This will be determined later in line with competitive flexible process set out.	Cost

## Weighting description

Quality

Cost

Social Value

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## Other information

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

## **Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

## **Special regime**

Light touch

## **Competitive flexible procedure description**

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## **Reduced tendering period**

Yes

Light touch contract - no minimum

## **Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice**

The Council has opted not to publish a separate preliminary market engagement notice as this Expression of Interest exercise serves the same purpose. By inviting EOIs directly, the Council is able to gauge market capacity, capability and appetite, while keeping the process proportionate and straightforward. Further stages are yet to be determined and may be dictated by the level of interest from the market but at this stage will likely include:

Stage 1 - Engagement with interested Bidders to better understand capability and capacity to help scope the requirement

Stage 2 - A competitive tendering stage

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## **Documents**

### **Documents to be provided after the tender notice**

Via eSourcingNI or email as appropriate.

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Belfast City Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQXY-5321-CGZM

9-21 Adelaide Street

Belfast

BT2 8DJ

United Kingdom

Email: [cps@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:cps@belfastcity.gov.uk)

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland