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Tender

Provision of Specialised Chairs

Cumberland Council

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Scope

Description

Cumberland Council seeks to spot-purchase specialist seating equipment to support individuals with assessed eligible needs through the Community Equipment Service (CES). The aim is to enhance independence, safety, and wellbeing by providing timely access to high-quality, clinically appropriate seating solutions.

The requirement includes two primary chair types:

- Specialist Riser Recliner Chairs
- Specialist Tilt-in-Space Chairs

The Council intends to award a contract to a single supplier to enable spot-purchasing of Specialised Chairs as and when required throughout the contract term. The contract will have a maximum value of £350,000 and will be in place for an initial period of 18 months, with the option to extend for a further 12 months, provided the full contract value has not been reached during the initial term. The Initial Term is 1st February 2026 to 31st July 2027 with the option to extend up to 12 months, with the possible extension, if used, the contract would end 31st July 2028.

For further details and to access the tender documents, including the service

specification, use the council's online procurement portal - The Chest - <https://www.the-chest.org.uk>.

Registration on The Chest is free. All bids must be received electronically via The Chest by the closing date stated in the ITT.

Any clarifications you have about the tender must be sent via messaging on The Chest by the closing date stated in the ITT.

See Service Specification for full details.

Total value (estimated)

- £350,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2026 to 31 July 2027
- Possible extension to 31 July 2028
- 2 years, 5 months, 31 days

Description of possible extension:

There is the potential for a contract extension of up to 12 Months, if the maximum budget has not been spent within the initial 18-month term, depending on both the success in achieving the required outcomes and availability of further funding.

The estimated total value of the contract over the total contract period (including any extension period) is a maximum value of £350,000 but no guarantee is given as to the actual value of the contract.

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 33192000 - Medical furniture

Contract locations

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Justification for not using lots

Division into lots was considered but deemed not suitable for this procurement. The requirement is for a single, consistent type of product (Specialised Chairs) with uniform specifications and standards. Splitting the contract into lots would risk fragmentation of supply, inconsistency in product quality, and increased administrative burden. A single supplier arrangement will ensure continuity, simplify contract management, and support economies of scale.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

3 December 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

15 December 2025, 10:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

24 December 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	60%
Price	Price	30%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

<http://www.the-chest.org.uk>

Contracting authority

Cumberland Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government