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Tender

SWE10562: Provision of Medical Assessment Services

Social Work England

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Scope

Reference

SWE10562

Description

As part of its statutory duty to investigate concerns about the fitness to practise of social workers, Social Work England may, where appropriate, require registrants to undergo a medical assessment, particularly in cases where concerns relate to a registrant's mental or physical health. As Social Work England does not possess the internal capacity to deliver these specialist services, it is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Service Provider to work in partnership to deliver a high-quality and robust Medical Assessment Service. The appointed provider will be responsible for conducting comprehensive medical assessments and producing clear, quantifiable, evidence-based reports that determine whether a registrant's mental and/or physical health may be impaired to the extent that it could affect their fitness to practise. Experts may also be required, when necessary, to provide witness testimony in fitness to practise hearings.

Total value (estimated)

- £400,000 excluding VAT
- £480,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 4 March 2026 to 3 March 2029
- Possible extension to 3 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

1 x 24 months extension

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services
- 85100000 - Health services

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)

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

17 December 2025, 5:30pm

Tender submission deadline

8 January 2026, 5:30pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/socialworkengland/asp/Home>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

3 February 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 3 March 2029

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Whole Life Cost Model	Price	30.00%
Understanding of Requirements	Quality	17.50%
Quality Assurance	Quality	17.50%
Relevant Experience	Quality	14.00%
Commitment to Equality, Diversity and Accessibility	Quality	10.50%

Name	Type	Weighting
Environmental Sustainability and Carbon Reduction - Social Value	Quality	10.50%

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

Fluctuating Workload Due to Increased Funding

The Authority anticipates that additional funding will enable the progression of longstanding and complex cases, which, combined with the inherently variable nature of fitness to practise case demand, may result in fluctuations in workload, including periods of heightened or urgent activity.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/socialworkengland/asp/Home>

Contracting authority

Social Work England

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government