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Planning

FaME - Falls Management Exercise Contract

Gateshead Borough Council

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Scope

Description

Gateshead Council (the Council) is in the process of renewing its FaME - Falls Management Exercise Contract which is due to expire on the 31 March 2026.

In Gateshead we have an ageing population: it is projected that by 2047 there will be an additional 6,723 people aged 65 or older, an increase of 17%. In 2023/2024 emergency hospital admissions for Gateshead due to falls in people aged 65 and over was 2.214 per 100,000. This figure has decreased compared to previous years but is still above the England value.

FaME is an evidence-based postural stability programme, with research demonstrating that community-based falls prevention programmes are proven to reduce falls and improve outcomes for older adults. Falls prevention exercise programmes have additional benefits related to improved physical and mental health and quality of life. Gateshead Council is looking for a Provider to carry out the following FaME provision.

To provide FaME- a falls prevention community-based exercise programme in Gateshead which is to be structured and delivered in such a way as to follow the FaME model and to have high fidelity with the key components for FaME.

The delivery of FaME will ensure a continuum of falls prevention exercises and physical activity provision and will form part of the Gateshead Falls Prevention Pathway. This will include linking with other relevant programmes and health/social care and community services as necessary.

This is a Preliminary Market Engagement Notice under the Provider Selection Regime (PSR).

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85100000 - Health services

Contract locations

- UKC22 - Tyneside

Engagement

Engagement deadline

1 December 2025

Engagement process description

Please complete the market engagement questionnaire published on the Open portal (<https://www.open-uk.org/>).

This can be found by searching 'FaME - Falls Management Exercise Contract' or using project number OPEN20252018.

Please return the questionnaire by 1st December 2025 at 12 noon.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Contracting authority

Gateshead Borough Council

- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10002639
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPGY-1151-NJQN

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Region: UKC22 - Tyneside

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government