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Contract

## **EPPOC NIPS ACEs Study**

Department of Justice

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

DOJ DAC 15/25

### **Description**

The Department of Justice (DoJ) coordinates the Tackling Paramilitary Activity, Criminality and Organised Crime Programme which is the Executive's response to its commitment made under the Fresh Start agreement of November 2015 and the New Decade, New Approach (NDNA) document of 2020. It is reflected in the draft Programme for Government / Outcomes Delivery Plan and DoJ Corporate Plan for 2022-25.

The Tackling Paramilitary Activity, Criminality, and Organised Crime Programme is a collaborative, Executive-wide approach which has the outcome of 'safer communities, resilient to paramilitarism, criminality and coercive control'. It was initially established in 2016 as a result of the Fresh Start Agreement as a means of implementing the

Independent Panel's Report on the Disbandment of Paramilitary Groups.

To support this goal, and to better understand need to improve service delivery, the Programme seeks to commission a comprehensive study on the prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), childhood trauma, and exposure to violence among the Northern Ireland prison population. This research will fill a critical evidence gap, inform rehabilitation and public safety strategies, and support trauma-informed approaches within

the justice system.

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## **Contract 1. EPPOC NIPS ACEs Study**

### **Supplier**

- [Withheld Section94 Supplier](#)

### **Contract value**

- £160,000 excluding VAT
- £192,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Date signed**

2 December 2025

### **Contract dates**

- 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2027
- 1 year

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

## **Contract locations**

- UKN - Northern Ireland

## **Justification for not setting key performance indicators**

The value of this contract is below the relevant threshold of £5 million including VAT and as such the reporting and publication of KPIs is not mandated.

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## **Other information**

### **Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Direct award justification**

Single supplier - technical reasons

Direct award conditions and permissible justifications are set out under Chapter 3 and Schedule 5 of the Procurement Act.

Based on the information provided there may be justification for a direct award on the grounds set out under paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 where the following conditions are met in relation to the public contract-

- (a) due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, only a particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required, and
- (b) there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.

On the basis of the information presented, it may be possible to rely on a derogation in this case (i.e. Para 6 of Schedule 5) due to the fact that the Supplier, under the conditions of the initial study, holds exclusive rights to the underlying data until February 2027, and this proposed follow on work requires lawful access and use of that data during this exclusivity period to meet programme timescales and objectives.

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## Supplier

### Withheld Section94 Supplier

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBXY-3232-WNHZ

Withheld address line 1

Withheld Town

BT3 9ED

United Kingdom

Email: [withheldemail@noreply.com](mailto:withheldemail@noreply.com)

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## Contracting authority

## Department of Justice

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNYR-2253-MGXT

Block C, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate

Belfast

BT4 3SG

United Kingdom

Email: [Justice.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Justice.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

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## Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

## CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

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## Contact organisation

Contact [CPD - Supplies & Services Division](#) for any enquiries.