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Tender

GMCA 1635 Research into Emerging Drug Trends across Greater Manchester

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

GMCA 1635

Description

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) is seeking to commission a service to provide analytical testing of substances of concern, and research into emerging drug trends across the city region.

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) co-ordinates a Drugs Intelligence System to provide up to date information on drug use across Greater Manchester including emerging risks, drug alerts, and information on drug related deaths.

The contract will be for an initial period of 3 years, with the option to renew for two further 12-month periods.

Total value (estimated)

- £393,726 excluding VAT
- £472,471.20 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2029
- Possible extension to 28 February 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

A GMCA Proposed Budget for the Research into Emerging Drug Trends tender, has been supplied in the Pricing document in detail for the initial contracting period.

All tender response documents can only be accessed via The Chest (the North West Procurement Portal) - <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

19 December 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

12 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

All tender responses must be submitted via The Chest. For the avoidance of doubt, tenders received in any other way will be rejected.

All tenders must be submitted via The Chest (the North West Procurement Portal) - <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

20 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality, Price & Social Value	The contract will be awarded on the basis of the most advantageous tender in line with the published award criteria and scoring methodology. A following award criteria will be used to assess tenders; Part 1 - Bidder Information (Pass/Fail) Part 2 - Suitability Questions & Equality and Diversity (Pass/Fail) Part 3 - Quality: Technical Questions (80%) and Social Value (15%) Part 4 - Price (5%). A full breakdown of the award criteria, including any sub-criteria, can be found in the procurement documentation which is available to all potential bidders via The Chest (DN797535).	Quality	100%

Other information

Payment terms

Payment terms are stated in contract of service document. This can be accessed via the Chest portal <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

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

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Technical specifications to be met

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

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Contracting authority

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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