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## **Employability Service - Work Well and an Economic Inactivity Trailblazer**

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

W214526

### **Description**

Pilot Scheme for employability service to coach MFT patients back in to work or to improve their employment options.

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## **Contract 1. Employability Service - Work Well and an Economic**

## **Inactivity Trailblazer**

### **Supplier**

- The Growth Company Limited

### **Contract value**

- £1,850,000 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

28 February 2026

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

1+1+1

### **Main procurement category**

Services

## **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

1+1+1

## **CPV classifications**

- 79634000 - Career guidance services

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

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

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## **Other information**

### **Description of risks to contract performance**

Risk of funding allocation for the extensions.

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

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Direct award justification**

Prototypes and development

Programmes Overview

Both programmes are piloting innovative services aimed at integrating employment support within clinical settings.

Key Initiative

Development of a new embedded employment support offer within healthcare environments.

Commissioned by Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT). Supported by Manchester City Council (MCC).

Designing and testing new employment support services.

Encouraging MCC residents to remain in work or return to employment.

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## **Supplier**

## **The Growth Company Limited**

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXQG-2592-VYYY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government