

<b>Procurement Title</b> Supported Accommodation for Young People	
<b>Procurement Option</b> Open Tender Procedure	
<b>New or Existing Provision</b> Existing. The current block contracts relating to the provision of supported accommodation for young people all expire by 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024.  Support is also currently commissioned through spot arrangements via the regional Northwest Flexible Purchasing System which is set to continue.	
<b>Estimated Contract Value and Funding Arrangements</b> It is intended that block contract arrangements are set up for these services, with a value in the order of £4.5m to £5.1m per annum. The total potential value of the contracts is up to £35.7m.  Any gap in funding will be met through the New Burdens Funding and a reduction in spot commissioned services.	
<b>Contract Duration</b> Service contracts will be up to 7 years in length, with break points and potential extensions built in.	
<b>Lotting</b> It is anticipated that the delivery of supported accommodation services will be separated into 4 main lots (contract categories) to enable commissioning arrangements to be established on a district, a locality or a countywide footprint dependent upon various factors including the type of service, anticipated demand, efficiency of service delivery and value for money. Each of the 4 contract categories may be further subdivided on a geographical basis, and in total approximately 25-30 contracts may be let.  Lot 1: a) Core: multi-occupancy (6+ units) accommodation-based support service with 24-hour staffing on site; b) Visiting support: accommodation-based and/or dispersed, which can provide either a stepped down level of support from the core or can be accessed directly by young people whose needs can be best met in this service; c) Emergency accommodation.  Lot 2: Teenage Parents: visiting or on-site accommodation-based support.  Lot 3: Supported Lodgings: Support provided in a home environment by a host householder(s).  Lot 4: Short term supported accommodation services for people who are homeless which accepts families, single people and young people.	
<b>Evaluation</b>	
<b>Quality Criteria 60%</b>	<b>Financial Criteria 40%</b>
The award criteria will be: Quality Criteria 60% and Financial Criteria 40%.	

Social value will form 10% of the quality criteria. The social value objectives will focus on the promotion of training and employment opportunities for the people of Lancashire and building the capacity and sustainability of the voluntary and community sector.

### **Contract Detail**

The Services will provide support to Children Looked After, Care Leavers and vulnerable young people including those who are homeless, primarily aged 16 to 21, in accordance with the Lancashire Joint Homeless Protocol. Services will be provided within:

- a) accommodation which is named within the tender documents, or
- b) where accommodation is not named within the tender documentation, tenderers will be required to source suitable accommodation.

The key objectives are to ensure that young people have a safe place to live and have access to the appropriate support to acquire the necessary skills to move on successfully to more independent living and to develop the responsibilities associated with adulthood. The services support the county council to fulfil its sufficiency duty in relation to accommodation and improved outcomes for Children Looked After.

Services will be commissioned under block arrangements, where charges to be paid are fixed upon service volumes commissioned.

The needs of young people are wide-ranging and various types of supported accommodation services will continue to be commissioned, including core 24/7-staffed services, visiting support arrangements, supported lodgings and emergency accommodation. Services are currently provided for 378 young people, and for 53 families.

Supported accommodation services for young people will become regulated from 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023, overseen by an Ofsted-led registration and inspection regime. Whilst the new reforms aim to minimise administrative complexity and to maximise cost effectiveness and flexibility for providers within their accommodation portfolios, the cost implications of applying the new standards are unclear, with varying feedback provided in the consultation. A prudent degree of contingency is reflected in the estimated contract value to reflect the uncertainty.

The county council continues to experience significant budget pressures in relation to placement costs - predominantly for children's home placements - and will strive to ensure that the supported accommodation services will deliver high quality standards and value for money.

In addition to the block-contract services, the county council will continue to work collaboratively with the wider North-West region and be a named party in regional framework arrangements for spot commissioning.

**Procurement Title**

NHS Health Checks

**Procurement Option**

Above Threshold - Open Tender Procedure compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

**New or Existing Provision**

This is an existing service with a contract end date of 31 March 2024.

**Estimated Contract Value and Funding Arrangements**

Estimated spend for Year 1: up to £450,000

Estimated maximum annual spend after Year 1 in 2024/25 with an expected uplift mirroring annual uplift of Public Health Grant from 2025/26 estimated at 2% per annum thereafter up to £516,900.

Estimated indicative value over 8 years: up to £3,862,336.

All costs are funded from the Public Health Grant.

The contract will operate with open book arrangements in place to allow for transparent financial scrutiny and performance monitoring.

Figures provided are projected for 2024/25 onwards to provide an estimate of potential contract values for this Service.

**Contract Duration**

Initial period of five years with a right to extend the contract for up to three years beyond the initial term by any number of defined periods as long as the total contract term does not exceed eight years.

The contract duration reflects the high cost and effort involved to implement the contract in the event a new provider is appointed through a competitive exercise. The recommended contract duration also provides a greater degree of stability which is beneficial for the services users and allows the successful provider to commit to and deliver their service proposal.

**Lotting**

Delivery of the NHS Health Checks Service will be offered as a single countywide contract through a single lot. Service provision will be equitable and consistent across the county. The provider awarded the contract will be permitted to sub-contract the services or operate as a consortium.

**Evaluation**

<b>Quality Criteria 70%</b>	<b>Financial Criteria 30%</b>
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The lower Financial Criteria reflects the fact that a ceiling figure will be implemented during the tender process limiting to some degree the flexibility tenderers have around pricing.

Of which Social Value will form 10% of the quality criteria and will focus on:

- Promoting training and employment opportunities for the people of Lancashire.
- Raising the living standard of local residents.

## **Contract Detail**

NHS Health Checks are an important component of locally led public health prevention services. They are offered to people without pre-existing disease aged between 40 and 74, free of charge, every 5 years. The results are used to raise awareness and support individuals to make behaviour changes and, where appropriate, access clinical management to help them reduce their risk of a heart attack, diabetes, stroke, respiratory disease and some forms of dementia and cancer in the next 10 years.

NHS Health Checks are a nationally mandated programme with clear data markers and best practice guidance, with the aim to achieve better long-term health outcomes for Lancashire's population. NHS Health Checks also underpin important NHS Long Term Plan commitments to prevent 150,000 heart attacks, strokes, and cases of dementia, and are the major conduit for recruitment to the Diabetes Prevention Programme.

However, there is significant variation in uptake and follow-up of health risks along with the potential that people could benefit from a more tailored service or a particular focus at pivotal changes in their life course.

NHS Health Checks are currently provided in Lancashire through 135 general practices and a third-party provider who delivers health checks across the county in community pharmacies, community settings, workplaces, and places of worship. Lancashire County Council Public Health are seeking to procure a new service which includes an integrated hybrid delivery model. This will promote working in a more collaborative way between the third-party provider and general practices. The intention is that where activity is low for general practices due to conflicting clinical pressures, the third-party provider could support the reach of the NHS Health Checks in these locations.

The new service is intended to commence on 1 April 2024.

**Procurement Title**

Provision of Extra Care Services at Primrose Gardens

**Procurement Option**

Extension of existing agreement by four months to permit adequate time for a procurement exercise to be completed and avoid any change in provider occurring in December 2023.

**New or Existing Provision**

Existing provision with a contract end date of 29 September 2023

**Estimated Contract Value and Funding Arrangements**

The four-month extension requested has an estimated value of £185,000, in line with the regular annual contract spend of £555,000.

**Contract Duration**

Four-month extension to the contract as procured, running from 30 September 2023 until 29 January 2024.

The original agreement procured runs from 30 September 2019 until 29 September 2023.

**Lotting**

The services are offered as a single contract through a single lot.

**Contract Detail**

Extra Care Housing offers a real alternative to residential care by providing self-contained flats, communal facilities and on-site domiciliary care and support which is available to all tenants. Extra Care Housing offers independent living by providing services and support that are tailored to be flexible and responsive to people's changing needs. Primrose Gardens is an Extra Care scheme located in Chorley which has provided services for older people since 2019.

Extra Care Services will be procured in future from the Living Well at Home pseudo dynamic purchasing system via mini competitions with service providers that have successfully applied. It is intended that the Living Well at Home purchasing system that is currently being procured will commence 1 August 2023. From this point mini competitions between appointed providers will commence to procure service providers for services at several Extra Care schemes. Primrose Gardens is one of the Extra Care schemes concerned and the existing service provider is Community Integrated Care.

The council's procurement rules permit the extension of a contract by not more than three calendar months, in limited circumstances where a compliant procurement process has commenced and will be complete by the date at which the extension to the contract expires.

In the circumstances, a three-month extension to permit the procurement of a new service would provide a contract end date of 29 December 2023. This date is not considered a practical or empathetic to the service users who receive the services.

As such, to ensure the completion of a procurement process and an orderly potential change in service provider a four-month extension is requested which requires a waiver of the council's procurement rules.

In making any modification or extension to a contract during its term the council must also have regard to Regulation 72 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the PCR"), which sets out the limited circumstances in which a modification can be lawfully made.

Since the value of the proposed extension is below 10% of the initial contract value and it is below the relevant procurement threshold, the extension can be lawfully made as a low value change, pursuant to Regulation 72(1)(f) of the PCR.