



Request

I am seeking details related to your council's procurement and expenditures in social care. I kindly request the following information:

1. The total number of care packages awarded to agencies for adult social care and child social care services between January 1 and June 30.
2. The current number of suppliers or agencies categorized under Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 within your procurement framework for adult social care services and then children social care services.
3. The anticipated dates when the council plans to next go to market for the procurement of social care services, separately for adults and children.
4. The name of the framework being used to source suppliers for adult and child social care services, including complex care, mental health, and learning disabilities.
5. The expected date when your framework will be available for bidding, and where suppliers can access the bidding opportunity.
6. Confirmation of whether the council uses the RM6281 Workforce Alliance framework.
7. Confirmation of whether the council uses the HealthTrust Europe Total Workforce framework.
8. The name and contact information of the responsible officer and department overseeing the procurement of social care services for the council.

Response

1. Children's Social care = 20 care packages
Adult Social Care = 2157 care packages
2. We presently do not have a live procurement framework for adult and children's social care services. The previous Ethical Community Living Framework has expired as its four-year term has concluded. However, that framework was not tiered. It was set up with various Lots for themed areas of spend and then contracts awarded via mini competition and when necessary direct award.
3. Wigan Council's published procurement pipeline (what we are planned on tendering in the year ahead) can be found on 'The Chest' procurement portal (www.the-chest.org.uk) and also here: [Business and tendering opportunities \(wigan.gov.uk\)](http://wigan.gov.uk).
4. None. It was Wigan Council's Ethical Community Living Framework, but this expired on the 31 March 24. Frameworks have a four year term (unless with exception). With the Procurement Act 23 coming into effect on the 28 October 24 commissioners will discuss plans re the potential for a new Framework, Open Framework or Dynamic Marketplace to be established.
5. None agreed yet. No timeline for a future commission of this nature drafted.
6. Wigan Council does not use this framework.
7. Wigan Council does not use this framework.
8. Wigan Council has a devolved procurement structure. This means that commissioning teams within directorates take the lead for particular areas of spend. However, a Central Procurement team is in place to help with the business of procurement, and this is supported by: Mark Holden, Team Manager, 01942 486 260, m.holden@wigan.gov.uk