



I kindly request information regarding your council's procurement methods and current preferred routes to market specifically for community-based social care services. I am interested in understanding the procurement frameworks, agreements, or systems used by the council across the following areas:

1. Adult Community Social Care

Please provide details on the procurement routes utilized, such as Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS), Framework Agreements, Spot Purchase Agreements, HealthTrust Europe (HTE), or any other specified frameworks.

Previously called off from two iterations of the "The Deal 2030 – Care and Support Ethical Framework". However, the 2nd four-year term of the second framework expired on the 31 March 2024.

No other frameworks or DPS used by Wigan Council for adult community social care.

2. Children's Community Social Care

Could you detail the frameworks or agreements used for community-based services for children, including family support services, youth mental health, and early intervention programs?

Previously called off from two iterations of the "The Deal 2030 – Care and Support Ethical Framework". However, the 2nd four-year term of the second framework expired on the 31 March 2024.

YPO's "Managing Consultancy and Professional Services Framework" is used for certain commissions such as post-natal depression counselling and youth services via Wigan Youth Zone.

3. Mental Health and Well-being Services in the Community

What are the procurement routes available for securing community-based mental health support services?

The procurement routes detailed under Public Contract Regulations 2015.

Open tender being the most often used route.

4. Community Supported Living and Housing Support

Please indicate if the council uses frameworks, DPS, Spot Purchases, or any collaborative procurement partnerships, and how these are managed specifically for community supported living and housing support.

Previously called off from two iterations of the “The Deal 2030 – Care and Support Ethical Framework”. However, the 2nd four-year term of the second framework expired on the 31 March 2024.

Since that Framework expired tenders have been advertised via the open route.

5. Community-Based Personal Care and Reablement Services

Could you specify the preferred procurement methods for personal care and reablement services offered within community settings?

Reablement in Wigan is directly delivered by Wigan Council services.

For other Community-Based Personal Care Services, Open tender is most often used. One stage approach.

6. Learning Disabilities and Autism Support in the Community

For community-based services relating to learning disabilities and autism support, please provide information on the procurement routes, including any specialist frameworks.

Open tender most often used. One stage approach.

Previously called off from two iterations of the “The Deal 2030 – Care and Support Ethical Framework”. However, the 2nd four-year term of the second framework expired on the 31 March 2024.

7. Additionally, for each community-based service area, please provide:

- The current and planned future procurement routes.
- The criteria or process by which new suppliers can register or apply to be considered under each procurement route.
- Any anticipated changes to the procurement routes or frameworks for these community services in the next 12 months.

Wigan Council advertises its procurement opportunities via “The Chest” www.the-chest.org.uk). Please register to receive the alerts from that procurement portal.

The anticipated change in the next 12 months is that Wigan Council will comply with the Procurement Act 23 that is scheduled to come into effect on the 24th February 25 and not Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR 15) as these will be out of date. However, contracts advertised before the 24 February 25 will still fall under the PCR 15 legislation and be managed under that legislation.

The Central Digital Platform will be used as detailed in the Procurement Act 23 and the Competitive Flexible Procedure may be used as a new route to market.

Dynamic Markets could be set up and Open Frameworks as detailed in the Act.