

Kent County Council – Provider Selection Regime Annual Summary

In accordance with Regulation 25 of The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 ('PSR'), the Council is required to produce an annual summary of its contracting activity for the provision of relevant health care services.

Reporting Period

All contracts awarded between 1 January 2024 and 31 March 2025.

Contract Award Details

Total number of contracts awarded under each PSR route:

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| • Direct Award Process A | 0 |
| • Direct Award Process B | 0 |
| • Direct Award Process C | 3 |
| • Most Suitable Provider Process | 0 |
| • Competitive Process | 3 |

Number of framework agreements

- | | |
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| • Concluded during the period | 0 |
| • Used during the period | 0 |

Urgent Provisions

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| • Contracts awarded or modified under urgent circumstances | 0 |
| • Justifications documented for urgency | N/A |

Provider Data

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| • Number of new providers awarded contracts | 3 |
| • Number of providers no longer holding contracts | N/A* |
| • Total number of providers currently contracted under the PSR | N/A* |

Representations and Challenges

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| • Number of representations received during standstill periods | 1 |
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Summary of outcomes of those representations:

Procurement project name: Place-based Stop Smoking Service

Following receipt of a representation made in accordance with Section 12(3), an independent review was undertaken of the provider selection process followed.

Following this review, the authority took the further decision to not award the contract as originally intended, with the provider selection process abandoned and restarted.

Associated transparency notices for this procurement:

- [SC240053 -Place Based Local Stop Smoking Service - Find a Tender](#)
- [SC240053.1 -Place Based Local Stop Smoking Service - Find a Tender](#)

Panel Reviews

- Number of requests for review submitted to the Independent Patience Choice and Procurement Panel 0
- Summary outcomes or decisions from the Panel N/A

Monitoring Requirements

The Council's Commercial and Procurement Division maintains ongoing oversight of contracting activity that is carried out under the PSR with scrutiny also built into the Terms of Reference of the Council's Commercial and Procurement Oversight Board.

Where compliance reviews have otherwise identified actual or the potential risk of non-compliance with the PSR, the authority has implemented targeted actions such as amending governance, revising internal guidance, or providing additional training.

*Regarding this annual summary, for the inaugural reporting period, the Council is currently unable to accurately report on the following requirements:

- The number of providers no longer holding contracts.
- The total number of providers currently contracted with under the PSR.

This is due to contracts awarded prior to 1 January 2024 not being classified with reference to the PSR, but this should be reportable from the 2026 report as KCC is adopting a new contract management system that will capture this information.