



## **Preliminary Market Engagement Notice**

### **SCOPE**

#### **Description**

The Commission intends to refresh its Call Off Framework of consultants/advisors and is seeking individuals/organisations to submit proposals for the following:

- Independent persons for investigations and dispute resolution.

This involves assisting the 11 district councils, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and ARC21 to investigate employee relations cases, including complex and high-profile investigations of varying nature.

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

- 1 September 2025 to 31 March 2027
- 18 months, 30 days

#### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **ENGAGEMENT**

#### **Engagement deadline**

- Monday 11 August 2025

#### **Engagement process description**

This notice is for the Commission to understand the current state of the market for independent investigators who will be able to work both independently and as part of an investigation team and/or panel.

The Commission wishes to understand the current maturity, performance, cost, and availability of independent persons to undertake investigations and dispute resolution.

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