This is a Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) notice. It is not a formal invitation to tender. You will need to respond to the tender notice when published towards end of June/July 2025 to be considered for this contract.

The purpose of this PME is to maximise transparency and competition for the upcoming tender notice. All details in this PME are subject to being updated or changed in the tender notice.

This PME is being published to make the market aware that Engagement activity will be conducted in June and July with bidders that have declared an interest. Information about the potential requirements contract for a Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS) will be shared.

The PME exercise will end by 31st July 2025.

The process will consist of one-to-one meetings, workshops and/or

presentations between the authority and interested parties.

This PME fulfils the requirement for a Preliminary Market Engagement Notice to be issued under the Procurement Act 2023.

Organisations interested in this opportunity should contact the Authority via this portal. We will be in contact shortly after receipt of your email.

The Forensic Science Regulator (FSR) came into effect as of Oct 2023 and this led to an urgent need to stand up a solution to meet the minimal levels of this new requirement. This led to the Interim solution, which was tactical cloud storage using existing Digital Evidence Archive (DEA) for working copy analysis through remote access.

The next phase of the project is to review a strategic option to provide a long-term Digital Evidence Management Solution that will be scalable and maintainable going forward.

We are seeking a Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS) which will provide a platform to meet the legislative and International Standards stipulated for forensic evidential extractions.

Please see [Extraction of information from electronic devices: code of practice (accessible) - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/extraction-of-information-from-electronic-devices-code-of-practice/extraction-of-information-from-electronic-devices-code-of-practice-accessible)

and

[Forensic science providers: codes of practice and conduct - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/forensic-science-providers-codes-of-practice-and-conduct)

The chosen strategy of a Forensic Regulatory compliant DEMS solution is based on the following considerations:

Key features supported by the DEMS will be the following (not a comprehensive list)

* + Digital evidence collection & submission
  + Digital evidence scalable cloud storage & security
  + Case management & collaboration
  + Auditing & reporting capabilities
  + Secure evidence sharing

**Contract dates (estimated)**

Start date August/September 2025

**Main procurement category**

Services

**CPV classifications**

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