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Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Services in Sunderland

Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group aka NHS Sunderland CCG

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0306b4

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group aka NHS Sunderland CCG

Pemberton House, Colima Avenue

Sunderland

SR5 3XB

Email

necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKC23 - Sunderland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.necsu.nhs.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Services in Sunderland

Reference number

NECS423

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This VEAT notice relates to the Contracting Authority's commissioning of IAPT services for its Sunderland catchment area.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £20,104,909

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC23 - Sunderland

Main site or place of performance

Sunderland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This VEAT notice relates to the Contracting Authority's commissioning of IAPT services for its Sunderland catchment area. The Contracting Authority intends to award a 3-year contract (with the option to extend up to an additional 12 months) to Cumbria, Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The Contracting Authority has concluded that the only way to ensure a consistent, integrated, seamless, high quality and timely pathway of care in relation to the delivery of IAPT services, and to ensure adherence to the operational and strategic aspirations the NHS Long-Term Plan, is to award the IAPT contract to Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust (CNTW).

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The approach and model adopted has been developed to integrate the approach to service delivery, meet national IAPT access requirements and, amongst other things, address the waiting time pressures and capacity constraints which have historically arisen in parts of the IAPT treatment pathway, and which are envisaged to reoccur due to increasing numbers and complexity of patients following the impacts of COVID-19.

It is anticipated that the bringing together previously disparate services under the scope of one single contract awarded to and managed by CNTW with a single point of access hub, will deliver significant benefits including:

- Strengthened and consistent approach to clinical leadership, governance and assurance
- Strengthened and consistent approach to the delivery of IAPT service, including consistent training
- Shared use of systems such as IT systems
- Fixed subcontract terms and conditions
- A collaborative and resilient service
- Single point of access and referral
- Efficiency gains
- Reduction in waiting list times
- Smoother, quicker pathway for patients
- Reduce risk of patient disengagement

- A mechanism for working across organisations and organisational boundaries

The chosen model will support the delivery of the NHS Long Term Plan requirements as well as meeting the Mental Health Investment standards.

The Contracting Authority is not aware of any other approach which can deliver the same outcome and benefits as the model proposed. It strongly and reasonably believes that competition is absent for technical reasons.

Please note that all figures, values and timescales stated in this notice are estimates only and may change. The estimated value of the contract is calculated on the basis that the contract is extended to the maximum permitted duration. In the event that the contract is not extended the estimated value is in the region of 19,500,000 GBP.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 November 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust

St Nicolas Hospital, Jubilee Road, Gosforth

Newcastle upon Tyne

Newcastle upon Tyne

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £20,104,909

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: £5,254,467

Proportion: 26 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

The Contracting Authority intends to directly award this contract to CNTW. Elements of the contract will be subcontracted to Sunderland Counselling Service, Sunderland Mind and Washington Mind

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

NHS Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group intends to enter into a contract with Cumbria, Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust for the delivery of IAPT services upon completion of a 10 day voluntary standstill period which will commence on the date of the publication of this notice and conclude midnight 13 January 2022

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice - The High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Public Procurement Review Service

Cabinet Office

London

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contract regulations 2015 (as amended) provides that appeals are to be made to the High Court.