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Planning

Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group - GP 999 Car

NHS Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu.aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group - GP 999 Car

Reference number

SCCGGP999

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The following is a PIN notice only and is being placed to alert providers to a potential future procurement exercise for a GP 999 Car service. Any values and timescales stated are for guidance purposes only and should not be taken as a guarantee.

Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group is considering their options for the continued commissioning of their GP 999 car provision.

The GP 999 car service seeks to reduce the amount of emergency admissions by offering home visits to patients where appropriate and/or providing telephone advice to paramedics on scene. The clinician can also review the calls received and triage as appropriate for their needs.

The contract is estimated at £675k per annum, and the CCG is considering a term of three years with an option to extend for up to a further 2 years.

If you would be interested in providing the service, please email Angela Mortley at scwcsu.whprocurement@nhs.net before 5pm on 16/02/2021 indicating where your organisation is currently situated and from where you would intend to provide the service. Further details will be sent accordingly.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,375,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

Main site or place of performance

Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group ("the CCG") is considering their options for the continued commissioning of their GP 999 car provision. This will be for patients who are registered with a Somerset GP.

The GP 999 car seeks to reduce the amount of emergency admissions by offering home visits to patients, and providing telephone advice to paramedics on scene. A dispatcher sends cases that meet the service criteria to the GP 999 Car clinician. The GP 999 car clinicians also has access to the call which enables them to review calls and triage the calls to ensure the most appropriate care is provided to address the needs of the patient. The avoidance can be facilitated by on scene treatment of the patient, prescription of medications or referral to another more appropriate service. In the majority of cases, the GP 999 Car will visit the patient at home. In some cases the GP in the car provides telephone advice to the ambulance crew on scene. The service enables to address the urgent care needs to patients and ensures that patients are given access to the right care for their needs. This could release ambulance crews to attend patients more promptly and reduce pressure on Emergency Departments.

The GP 999 Vehicle Response Car will aim to support the wider Health Community by reducing conveyances to the local ED. More specifically to:

- Paramedics, Specialist Paramedics (SPs) and other clinicians
- To reduce ED admissions and promote See and Treat
- For those patients requiring admission, facilitate direct admissions where possible
- To deliver Somerset CCGs vision of maximising care closer to home

This is a faced paced service that enables GPs to engage in reactive work. It requires a more advanced skillset as GP's are required to make 'on the ground' decisions to ensure that patient outcomes are as positive as they can be within a given situation.

Activity levels seen within the contract for 19/20 were circa 2348 with cases ranging from 522 to 670 per quarter.

The contract is estimated at £675k per annum, and the CCG is considering a term of three years with an option to extend for up to a further 2 years and would commence in April 2022.

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

6 January 2021

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This notice is an information gathering exercise rather than a call for competition in its own right, and therefore publication or response does not commit Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest. Somerset CCG will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise.

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but is instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

The tendering process will be conducted in accordance with the requirements and flexibilities provided by Articles 74 to 76 of the Directive, and Regulations 74 to 76 of the Regulations. The Authority will run a transparent tender process, treating all Bidders equally. For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority will not be bound by the Regulations or the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union or any other regulations or legislation except for the specific parts or circumstances that apply to the procurement of these Services.

Neither the inclusion of a Bidder selection stage, nor the use of any language or terms found in the Directive or Regulations, nor the description of the procedure voluntarily adopted by the Authority ("Open", "Restricted", "Competitive Procedure with Negotiation", "Competitive Dialogue" or any other description), nor any other indication, shall be taken to mean that the Authority intends to hold itself bound by the Directive or Regulations, save by the provisions applicable to services coming within the scope of Annex XIV of the Directive / Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

The Contracting Authority intends to voluntarily observe the award decision notices provisions and 10 day standstill period described in Regulation 86 of the Regulations. Unsuccessful Bidders will receive scores and reasons for the decision, including the characteristics and relative advantages of the winning bid and the reasons why the Bidder/application was unsuccessful. Deadline for lodging of appeals should be in accordance with Regulation 87 and Regulation 91 of the Regulations.