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Sexual Assault and Abuse Therapy Service in Swindon and Wiltshire

NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.bsw.icb.nhs.uk

Buyer's address

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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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

Sexual Assault and Abuse Therapy Service in Swindon and Wiltshire

Reference number

C99873

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board seeks to commission a Sexual Assault and Abuse Therapy Service delivering high quality specialist counselling for children and young people and adults who reside Swindon and Wiltshire who have experienced historical or recent sexual abuse.

The commissioner seeks an experienced provider who will deliver an innovative and effective service that will promote and protect the mental health of survivors of rape and/or sexual abuse that occurred at any time in their lives through the provision of therapeutic interventions that responds to complex trauma and diverse needs.

The contract term will be 6 years, with a maximum budget of £219,000 per annum and a total contract value of £1,314,000.

Commissioners reserve the right to add funding to the contract over its duration to accommodate service development measures or initiatives, up to an equivalent value of the original contract. For the avoidance of doubt, this would mean an annual contract value of, for example, £440k per annum and a consequent increase in the overall contract value.

The new service will commence on the 3rd July 2023.

This procurement is being carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioners.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The aims and objectives include but not limited to:

- Provide a range of therapeutic interventions to respond to diverse needs and presentations of children, young people and adults, including those with complex trauma and learning disabilities. This may also include for example befriending, peer support, psychoeducation, brief interventions, creative therapies, counselling, EMDR.
- Provide group sessions to develop a range of self-help tools, which could include mindfulness, grounding, managing triggers. flashbacks and nightmares, communication skills, psychoeducation around the impact of trauma.
- When there is sufficient demand, to offer specific pre-counselling groups such as LGBT+ and students.
- Flexible, timely and responsive services which can fluctuate to changes in demand. At times, individuals may not be ready to engage in therapeutic interventions and services will need to respond and ensure contact is maintained with the individual pending their

agreement to engage.

- Use of a 'trauma lens' - trauma informed approaches integrated into organisational policy and practice.
- Choice of gender of therapist (wherever possible).
- The number of trauma-focused one-to-one counselling sessions agreed and reviewed reflecting rate of progression and response to therapy.
- Missed sessions not to be an indicator for discharge without discussion with service user.
- Provision of services within dedicated premises and via remote platforms (by telephone or online), according to service user preference.
- Ensure planned endings of therapy by assessing readiness, acknowledging the relationship and service user's resilience to prevent dependencies on service.
- Service should be provided regardless of involvement (or not) in a criminal justice process

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This process is being managed by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner(s).

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,314,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

72

II.2.14) Additional information

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 are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

6 February 2023

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Interested providers will be able to view this opportunity via the live opportunities list on the 'Health Family' e-procurement system, Atamis. Click on 'View our Live Opportunities' from the home page, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the bid documentation (including questionnaires), you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page.

If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before gaining full access to the documentation and be able to submit a bid.

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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 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 87 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

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court in London

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

As described in VI.3, deadline for lodging of appeals should be in accordance with Regulation 87 and Regulation 91 of the 2015 Regulations