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Tender

Adult Autism Assessment Service

NHS Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-000446

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0395ad

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

13 February 2023 - no time specified

See the [change notice](#).

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board

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Birmingham

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Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG31 - Birmingham

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.birminghamsolihull.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.birminghamsolihull.icb.nhs.uk/>

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

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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

Adult Autism Assessment Service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands CSU, on behalf of NHS Birmingham and Solihull ICB is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to express interest in delivering an Adult Autism Assessment Service.

The key objectives of the Procurement are:

- To procure an effective and accessible NICE compliant autism assessment and diagnostic service for adults with suspected autism, delivered remotely by appropriately skilled health professionals.
- To secure a Provider able to take ownership and responsibility for the existing ICB referral waiting list for adult autism assessments, ensuring that assessments are completed for these patients.
- To secure a Provider able to triage and effectively manage the existing ICB waiting list and new autism assessment referrals received directly from primary care/GPs.
- To secure a Provider with sufficient capability and capacity to deliver timely remote diagnostic autism assessments to patients in line with NICE guidance.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £5,200,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Providers are requested to submit their completed tender by 1200hrs on Monday, 6th February 2023.

The contract shall be for an initial period of three (3) years with an option to extend for a further two (2) years at the sole discretion of the commissioner.

The Procurement Process is described within the documentation published. This Procurement has been advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) (the “Regulations”) to the extent that the Regulations relate to services within the scope of Schedule 3 thereto (Social and Other Specific Services). The Commissioner and AGCSU are, therefore, bound only by those parts

of the Regulations applying to Schedule 3 services (also known as the “Light Touch Regime”).

You can search for this opportunity by using reference C118181 "Adult Autism Assessment Services" and going to the following address: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £5,200,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Originally published as:

Date

6 February 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

13 February 2023

See the [change notice](#).

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

7 February 2023

Local time

9:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

Bidders should note that the FTS notice infers a higher annual value than the proposed cost envelope in the tender documents of £4.2m, with a total contract value set at £5.2m. This is because the value on the FTS notice includes a nominal allowance of up to £1m for the clearance of any existing or future backlogs which may build up for which the Commissioner may, from time to time, request the successful bidder to provide extra capacity for. Bidders should note that the Commissioner is not bound, nor are they under any obligation to spend the £1m nominal allowance and that some or all of the nominal allowance will only be discharged to the successful provider in the event that such extra funds as will allow this become available to the Commissioner during the life of the contract. The Commissioner offers the successful bidder no guarantee or warranty that this shall be the case. The Commissioner, in the event that they are able to discharge some or all of the nominal allowance, expects that the successful bidder will either provide this extra capacity themselves or sub-contract it, having assured themselves that any such sub-contractor is able to meet the same standards to those described in their submitted tender documentation. Bidders should seek to provide relevant details of any intended sub-contractors where requested to do so within their tender submission.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>