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Tender

National Framework Agreement for the Provision of Autism and ADHD Assessment Services

Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04ce34

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.coch.nhs.uk/>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

www.nhssourcing.co.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.nhssourcing.co.uk

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

National Framework Agreement for the Provision of Autism and ADHD Assessment Services

Reference number

F/097/AAAS/24/AB

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 Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust wishes to establish a Framework Agreement under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 (and as amended) (the PSR) for use by all Relevant Authorities (and any future successors to these organisations).

“Relevant authority” is defined in section 12ZB(7) of the National Health Service Act 2006. It means a combined authority, an integrated care board, a local authority in England, NHS England, an NHS foundation trust or an NHS trust established under section 25 of that Act.

For the avoidance of doubt, any successor bodies of any of the above entities shall be entitled to place Orders and shall be deemed Relevant Authorities for the purposes of this Framework Agreement.

Demand for autism and ADHD assessment and diagnosis services has increased significantly in recent years, with waiting lists in some areas now years long. In order to address this backlog, many NHS organisations are outsourcing portions of this service to increase capacity, either on a short- or long-term basis. This Framework Agreement will provide a quick and compliant route to contract for these services.

The overall aim of the Framework Agreement is to provide an assessment and diagnosis service for autism, ADHD and/or combined autism and ADHD for both adult and paediatric patients. For patients on the ADHD or combined pathway this may also include medication prescribing, titration and review.

The term of the framework agreement will be 4 years.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £15,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85121200 - Medical specialist services
- 85121270 - Psychiatrist or psychologist services
- 85121291 - Paediatric services
- 85141000 - Services provided by medical personnel

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This framework agreement will be formed of one Lot. Suppliers will be awarded to one of more of the below Services within that Lot:

Adult Autism Spectrum Assessment and Diagnosis

Children and Young People Autism Spectrum Assessment and Diagnosis

Adult ADHD Assessment and Diagnosis

Children and Young People ADHD Assessment and Diagnosis

Adult Combined Autism Spectrum and ADHD Assessment and Diagnosis

Children and Young People Combined Autism Spectrum and ADHD Assessment and Diagnosis

ADHD Medication Prescribing, Titration and Review for Adults

ADHD Medication Prescribing, Titration and Review for Children and Young People

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: £15,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework will be re-opened to new applicants annually, approximately 90 days before the anniversary of the Framework Commencement Date. Previously appointed Suppliers will NOT be obliged to re-apply on an annual basis, UNLESS they wish to bid for additional services to which they were not previously awarded.

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used

Additional information about electronic auction

Electronic auctions may be used in further competitions.

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

Date

7 February 2025

Local time

2:00pm

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

10 February 2025

Local time

2:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

Supplier instructions how to express interest and bid:

1) Browse to the esourcing portal <https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk> and click on view current opportunities;

2) Register your organisation on the eSourcing portal (this is only required once);

3) Accept the portal terms and conditions and click 'continue', enter your organisation and user details; note the username you chose and click 'Save' when complete; you will shortly receive an e-mail with your unique password (please keep this secure);

4) Login to the portal with the username/password;

5) Click the 'PQQs/ITTs Open To All Suppliers' link. (These are pre-qualification questionnaires or invitations to tender open to any registered supplier);

6) Select the title of the ITT;

7) Click the 'Express Interest' button at the top of the page. This will move the PQQ/ITT into your 'My PQQs/My ITTs' page. (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only). You can now access any attachments by clicking 'Buyer Attachments' in the 'PQQ/ITT Details' box;

8) Review the ITT documents;

9) Responding to the ITT. Click 'My Response' under 'PQQ/ITT Details', you can choose to 'Create Response' or to 'Decline to Respond' (please give a reason if declining). You can now use the messages function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification. Note the deadline for completion, then follow the on-screen instructions to complete the ITT.

There may be a mixture of online and offline actions for you to perform (there is detailed online help available). You must then submit your reply using the 'Submit Response' button at the top of the page. If you require any further assistance please consult the online help, or contact the eTendering help desk.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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