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Planning

NHSE1096 - Diabetic Eye Screening Programme - RFI

NHS England (North West)

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2026/S 000-000501

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England (North West)

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Email

necsu.psrprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD - North West (England)

NHS Organisation Data Service

(Q75)

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/north-west/>

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 another address:

NHS North of England Commissioning Support

John Snow House Durham University Science Park

Co. Durham

DH1 3YG

Email

necsu.psrprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC14 - Durham CC

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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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

NHSE1096 - Diabetic Eye Screening Programme - RFI

Reference number

NHSE1096

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a care system support organisation hosted by NHS England and is working for and on behalf of NHS England North West (the Relevant Authority) and is managing this market engagement exercise for the provision of a Diabetic Eye Screening Programme service in the following areas:

Lot 1 - Cheshire and Merseyside

Lot 2 - Cheshire (East Cheshire, West Cheshire & Warrington)

Lot 3 - Merseyside (Liverpool, Halton, St Helens, Sefton, Wirral, Knowsley & West Lancashire)

Lot 4 - Lancashire - incl Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool

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Please look for NHSE1096 - RFI - North West Diabetic Eye Screening Programme

(Contract Ref: C401067).

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II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Potential providers can bid on one or more or all Lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Cheshire and Merseyside

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

Main site or place of performance

Cheshire and Merseyside

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Cheshire (East Cheshire, West Cheshire & Warrington)

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

Main site or place of performance

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - Merseyside (Liverpool, Halton, St Helens, Sefton, Wirral, Knowsley & West Lancashire)

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

Main site or place of performance

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II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 - Lancashire - incl Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 April 2026

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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