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Planning

Digital Diabetes Prevention

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) (NSS)

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

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

Digital Diabetes Prevention

Reference number

NP5104-25

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Prior Information Notice relates to NHS Scotland's intentions of tendering for a National Digital Diabetes Prevention Service. Potential suppliers will be required to work alongside NHS Scotland National Diabetes Team to deliver the Digital Diabetes Prevention Programme.

The programme will seek to provide a proven clinical intervention using digital technology that will provide support over a 9-month period, using trained lifestyle coaches to enable participants to track progress against the Type 2 Diabetes precursor condition called NDH (non-diabetic hyperglycaemia or prediabetes), which is diagnosed by HbA1c blood test (42-47mmol/mol).

The issuing of this PIN will enable dialogue with interested suppliers, which, prior to any procurement exercise, may result in engagement sessions taking place. These sessions are anticipated to take place by mid February 2025.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services
- 98300000 - Miscellaneous services
- 85120000 - Medical practice and related services
- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community
- 85141000 - Services provided by medical personnel
- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services
- 98336000 - Training, workout or aerobic services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85312320 - Counselling services
- 85323000 - Community health services
- 98334000 - Wellness services
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Locations throughout NHS Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The programme will seek to provide a proven clinical intervention using digital technology

that will provide support over a 9 month period, using trained lifestyle coaches to enable participants to track progress against the Type 2 Diabetes has a precursor condition called NDH (non-diabetic hyperglycaemia or prediabetes), which is diagnosed by HbA1c blood test (42-47mmol/mol).

- It is estimated that up to a third of the Scottish adult population are living with NDH with the vast majority being unaware of this
- Approximately 220,000 people are estimated to have a diagnosis of NDH in Scotland
- Between 5-10% of those with NDH will progress to T2D every year, with rates of progression higher for younger patients, those with a high BMI and those who live in deprived communities
- Multiple longitudinal research studies have demonstrated that progression from NDH to T2DM can be prevented or delayed by an intensive behaviour change programme that delivers a modest weight reduction of c.74%. This has led to the establishment of large scale national diabetes prevention programmes (DPP) in countries including England, Finland, France, Australia and the USA.

The National Digital Diabetes Prevention Programme would offer a proven clinical intervention using digital technology that will:

- Offer intensive support over 9 months focused on enabling patients to take control of their own health and wellbeing
- Utilise trained lifestyle coaches who will help build participants' skills and confidence to make lasting lifestyle change as well as peer groups
- Allow patients to track progress against their own goals

At this stage, the intention is that the programme will support up to 5000 participants per annum up to 3-years.

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II.2.14) Additional information

This project is derived from the Accelerated National Innovation Adoption (ANIA) Pathway. This is an initiative focused on using technology to fast-track proven innovations into the healthcare frontline on a Once for Scotland basis.

See

link: <https://www.nhscfsd.co.uk/our-work/innovation/accelerated-national-innovation-adoption-ania-pathway/>

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

21 July 2025

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

As previously mentioned this project forms part of the ANIA Collaborative. The Pathway stages of this process will involve approval of a Value Case/Business Case in determination of National adoption. The anticipated timeline for approval is April 2025. A tender process will commence following both Financial and Business Case approval.

Within the Additional Documents section there is a Supplier Demonstration Agenda which details the format of engagement sessions should they take place.

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