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# **Lead Employer for Clinical Psychology Trainees**

Health Education England

F01: Prior information notice

Call for competition

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-000882

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-030a0a

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

### I.1) Name and addresses

Health Education England

1st Floor, Blenheim House, Duncombe Street

Leeds

LS1 4PL

#### **Email**

jessica.nerlich@hee.nhs.uk

#### Country

**United Kingdom** 

#### **NUTS** code

UKI31 - Camden and City of London

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.hee.nhs.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.hee.nhs.uk

### I.3) Communication

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

http://health.atamis.co.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

http://health.atamis.co.uk

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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### I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

## I.5) Main activity

Education

# **Section II: Object**

# II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Lead Employer for Clinical Psychology Trainees

Reference number

C60564

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 80000000 - Education and training services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Health Education England (HEE - the Commissioner) are putting out this notice as a PIN (Prior Information Notice) with a view to completing a Direct Award to Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation
Trust

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £10,905,803

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### II.2) Description

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UK - United Kingdom

#### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Health Education England are putting out this notice as a PIN (Prior Information Notice)

with a view to completing a Direct Award to Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

The case for direct award can be found on the tender portal.

HEE is looking to commission Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to be Lead Employer for Clinical Psychology Trainees across Kent, Surrey and Sussex, and South London for Health Education England - Academic Year 21/22

It is our intention to re-tender for the Lead Employer Contract for Clinical Psychology Trainees across Kent, Surrey and Sussex, and South London. We are working on an Invitation to Tender (ITT) to award a new lead employer contract to the successful party in May 2022.

For the period up to the award of the new lead employer contract, we are producing a Prior Information Notice (PIN). It is for this period, up to the award of the new contract in May 2022, for which we are making this case for Direct Award.

Heath Education England (HEE) are of the opinion that, over this short period of this PIN, until the new contract is awarded via the upcoming ITT, SABP, as the current employer of all the trainees, are the sole organisation capable of providing continuity of employment and programme delivery for this commissioned programme without causing a major risk to delay in trainees completing their doctorate and increased risks of attrition across the 3 current cohorts. A move now to change the lead employer could be a very short term move due to the upcoming ITT from which the award of the contract for the next 3 years will be made. Any attrition or delays in trainees qualifying by trainees being unsettled and having to move their employment at short notice will directly and negatively impact the level of patient care that NHS mental health services across the Kent, Surrey, Sussex and South London are able to offer. There is currently a workforce shortage of Clinical Psychologists across England, any negative impact on this group of trainees will intensify this shortage. Any parties keen to have the opportunity to tender for this contract will have the opportunity to do so via the upcoming ITT.

For the Specification, Contract and the Case for Direct Award please access the portal at: <a href="https://health-family-contract-search.secure.force.com/?SearchType=Projects">https://health-family-contract-search.secure.force.com/?SearchType=Projects</a>
All communications should be made via the messaging function on the Health Family eTendering portal.

If any provider has concerns with the commissioning intentions outlined within the published documentation, please raise this via the eTendering Portal in the first instance within 30 days of the date of this Prior Information Notice.

The closing date of this PIN is midday on 11 February 2022

#### II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

### II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £10,905,803

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

Duration in months

3

### 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

Restricted 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 expressions of interest

Date

11 February 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures

28 February 2022

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

### VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

**Email** 

generaloffice@administrativecourtoffice.justice.gov.uk

Country

**United Kingdom** 

Internet address

https://www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals

### VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Health Education England

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Leeds

LS1 4PL

Country

**United Kingdom** 

Internet address

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