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Planning

NHS England South East - Sexual Assault Referral Centre Services

NHS England

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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 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

NHS England South East - Sexual Assault Referral Centre Services

Reference number

C125668

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to inform the market of NHS England South East's, (the Commissioner's), intention to recommission Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) Services, in 2023. The Commissioner would like to understand the level of provider interest in delivering these services.

NHS England South East (NHSE SE), the Offices of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCCs) and Police Forces within the South East are seeking providers who have the capability and capacity to deliver SARC provision for both adults (18 years and over) and children (under 18 years).

The areas covered (and likely Lots), within the recommissioning exercise include:

- Kent
- Surrey
- Sussex
- Hampshire (including the Isle of Wight)
- Thames Valley (excluding Milton Keynes)

There is considerable variation in service provision across the SARCs, not only with regard to the age and needs of service users, but also in relation to activity, service specification, and referral pathways.

The recommissioning exercise will aim to increase equity of access and ensure a consistent and high standard of quality care to victims of sexual assault. The service will be delivered in line with current national standards, guidance and best practice, and at the same time meet the local needs of each Force area.

Please express an interest via Atamis using the following link and submit the attached market engagement questionnaire by 3rd February 2023, using the correspondence function in Atamis, <http://health.atamis.co.uk/>

Following questionnaire submissions, to encourage networking, and with consent, all contact details of prime/lead providers and sub-contractors who complete the market engagement questionnaire will be shared via the procurement portal.

This exercise is being managed by NHS South Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Kent SARC Services

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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NHS England South East (NHSE SE), the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Kent and Kent Police Force are seeking providers who have the capability and capacity to deliver SARC provision for both adults (18 years and over) and children (under 18 years).

The services within scope, include core SARC provision, primarily, SARC management, the provision of medical and forensic examinations - both acute and non-acute cases, crisis support and onward referral services for people who have experienced sexual assault. It should be noted that non-acute (historic) cases do not necessarily need to be undertaken at the (accredited) SARC site.

The Provider will ensure that the service is delivered in an age-appropriate way for children and adults; all staff must meet the skills and competences commensurate with the role they are performing. The service should consider Safeguarding, Health and Forensic requirements in line with current and relevant guidelines.

It is likely that Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) services and therapeutic provision including counselling and talking therapies, will be out of scope. However, the SARC provider/s will work closely with these services and ensure service users are referred to onward provision as necessary.

The contract term is likely to commence on 1st April 2024 and will be fixed for a duration of 7 years.

TUPE is likely to apply.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Surrey SARC Services

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Main site or place of performance

Surrey

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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NHS England South East (NHSE SE), the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Surrey and Surrey Police Force are seeking providers who have the capability and capacity to deliver SARC provision for both adults (18 years and over) and children (under 18 years).

The services within scope, include core SARC provision, primarily, SARC management, the provision of medical and forensic examinations - both acute and non-acute cases, crisis support and onward referral services for people who have experienced sexual assault. It should be noted that non-acute (historic) cases do not necessarily need to be undertaken at the (accredited) SARC site.

The Provider will ensure that the service is delivered in an age-appropriate way for children and adults; all staff must meet the skills and competences commensurate with the role they are performing. The service should consider Safeguarding, Health and Forensic requirements in line with current and relevant guidelines.

It is likely that Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) services and therapeutic provision including counselling and talking therapies, will be out of scope. However, the SARC provider/s will work closely with these services and ensure service users are referred to onward provision as necessary.

The contract term is likely to commence on 1st April 2024 and will be fixed for a duration of 7 years.

TUPE is likely to apply.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Sussex SARC Services

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Main site or place of performance

Sussex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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NHS England South East (NHSE SE), the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Sussex and Sussex Police Force are seeking providers who have the capability and capacity to deliver SARC provision for both adults (18 years and over) and children (under 18 years).

The services within scope, include core SARC provision, primarily, SARC management, the provision of medical and forensic examinations - both acute and non-acute cases, crisis support and onward referral services for people who have experienced sexual assault. It

should be noted that non-acute (historic) cases do not necessarily need to be undertaken at the (accredited) SARC site.

The Provider will ensure that the service is delivered in an age-appropriate way for children and adults; all staff must meet the skills and competences commensurate with the role they are performing. The service should consider Safeguarding, Health and Forensic requirements in line with current and relevant guidelines.

It is likely that Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) services and therapeutic provision including counselling and talking therapies, will be out of scope. However, the SARC provider/s will work closely with these services and ensure service users are referred to onward provision as necessary.

The contract term is likely to commence on 1st April 2024 and will be fixed for a duration of 7 years.

TUPE is likely to apply.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Hampshire SARC Services

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Main site or place of performance

Hampshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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NHS England South East (NHSE SE), the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and Hampshire Police Force are seeking providers who have the capability and capacity to deliver SARC provision for both adults (18 years and over) and children (under 18 years).

The services within scope, include core SARC provision, primarily, SARC management, the provision of medical and forensic examinations - both acute and non-acute cases, crisis support and onward referral services for people who have experienced sexual assault. It should be noted that non-acute (historic) cases do not necessarily need to be undertaken at the (accredited) SARC site.

Access to SARC services will need to be made available for the population of the Isle of Wight.

The Provider will ensure that the service is delivered in an age-appropriate way for children and adults; all staff must meet the skills and competences commensurate with the role they are performing. The service should consider Safeguarding, Health and Forensic requirements in line with current and relevant guidelines.

It is likely that Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) services and therapeutic provision including counselling and talking therapies, will be out of scope. However, the SARC provider/s will work closely with these services and ensure service users are referred to onward provision as necessary.

The contract term is likely to commence on 1st April 2024 and will be fixed for a duration of 7 years.

TUPE is likely to apply.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Thames Valley SARC Services

Lot No

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Berkshire; Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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NHS England South East (NHSE SE), the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley and Thames Valley Police Force are seeking providers who have the capability and capacity to deliver SARC provision for both adults (18 years and over) and children (under 18 years).

The services within scope, include core SARC provision, primarily, SARC management, the provision of medical and forensic examinations - both acute and non-acute cases, crisis support and onward referral services for people who have experienced sexual assault. It should be noted that non-acute (historic) cases do not necessarily need to be undertaken at the (accredited) SARC site.

The Provider will ensure that the service is delivered in an age-appropriate way for children and adults; all staff must meet the skills and competences commensurate with the role they are performing. The service should consider Safeguarding, Health and Forensic requirements in line with current and relevant guidelines.

It is likely that Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) services and therapeutic provision including counselling and talking therapies, will be out of scope. However, the SARC provider/s will work closely with these services and ensure service users are referred to onward provision as necessary.

The contract term is likely to commence on 1st April 2024 and will be fixed for a duration of 7 years.

TUPE is likely to apply.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

3 April 2023

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This notice is an information gathering exercise rather than a call for competition in its own right, and therefore publication or response does not commit the Authority or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest. The Authority will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise.

Interested providers will be able to view this opportunity via the live opportunities list on the 'Health Family' e-procurement system, Atamis. Click on 'View our Live Opportunities' from the home page, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the relevant information and market engagement questionnaire, you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page.

If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before gaining full access to the documentation and to be able to submit your expression of interest / market engagement questionnaire.

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

Any future tendering process will be conducted in accordance with the requirements and flexibilities provided by Articles 74 to 76 of the Directive, and Regulations 74 to 76 of the Regulations. The Authority will run a transparent tender process, treating all Bidders equally. For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority will not be bound by the Regulations or any other regulations or legislation except for the specific parts or circumstances that apply to the procurement of these Services.