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Tender

## **Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages (Lot 1: North West, Lot 2: North East and Yorkshire, Lot 3: East of England, Lot 4: Midlands, Lot 5: London and South East, Lot 6: South West)**

NHS England

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

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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

**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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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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**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages (Lot 1: North West, Lot 2: North East and Yorkshire, Lot 3: East of England, Lot 4: Midlands, Lot 5: London and South East, Lot 6: South West)

Reference number

C307873

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU), on behalf of NHS England (referred to as the Authority), is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to respond to this Competitive Process for the provision of Provision of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages (Lot 1: North West, Lot 2: North East and Yorkshire, Lot 3: East of England, Lot 4: Midlands, Lot 5: London and South East, Lot 6: South West).

The service is due to commence on 1st October 2025. As a result of this procurement exercise an agreement will be established with the successful bidder(s) for a period of 5 years with the Commissioners having the option to extend for up to an additional 1 + 1 year(s) (maximum contract duration 7 years).

The deadline for submissions is 12.00pm (noon) on Monday 24th February 2025.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £55,124,565

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1: North West

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)

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

The key objective of the Competitive Process is to commission the provision of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages with one HBOT centre in the North-west

Geographical area:

North: Scottish Border

West: West coast of England, excluding Isle of Mann

East: Border with lot 2

South: Welsh border and border with lot 4

### **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: £9,014,745

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

Start date

1 October 2025

End date

30 September 2032

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2: North East and Yorkshire

Lot No

2

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

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

The key objective of the Competitive Process is to commission the provision of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages with one HBOT centre in the North-east

Geographical area:

North: Scottish Border

West: Border with North-west Lot 1

East: East coast

#### **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: £8,947,178

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

Start date

1 October 2025

End date

30 September 2032

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3: East of England

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

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

The key objective of the Competitive Process is to commission the provision of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages with one HBOT centre in the East of England

Geographical area:

North: Border with North-east with lot 2

West: Border with Midlands lot 4

East: East coast

South: Border with lot 5

### **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: £9,320,115

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

Start date

1 October 2025

End date

30 September 2032

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4: Midlands

Lot No

4

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)

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

The key objective of the Competitive Process is to commission the provision of Hyperbaric

Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages with one HBOT centre in the Midlands.

Geographical area:

North: Border with North-west lot 1 and North-east lot 2

West: Welsh border

East: Border with East of England lot 3

South: Border with South-East lot 5

#### **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: £9,009,683

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

Start date

1 October 2025

End date

30 September 2032

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 5: London and South East

Lot No

5

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

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

The key objective of the Competitive Process is to commission the provision of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages with one HBOT centre in London and the South-East

Geographical area:

North: Border with Midlands lot 4

West: Border with South-west lot 6

East: East coast

South: South coast

### **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: £9,815,363

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

Start date

1 October 2025

End date

30 September 2032

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 6: South West

Lot No

6

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

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

The key objective of the Competitive Process is to commission the provision of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages with one HBOT centre in the South-West

Geographical area:

North: Border with Midlands lot 4

West: South-West coast

East: Border with south-east lot 5

South: South coast

#### **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: £9,017,483

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

Start date

1 October 2025

End date

30 September 2032

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open 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 tenders or requests to participate**

Date

24 February 2025

Local time

12:00pm

#### **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**

Tender must be valid until: 1 October 2025

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

24 February 2025

Local time

12:00pm

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

The service is commissioned in England for two specific indications in line with NHS England

Clinical commissioning policy: Hyperbaric oxygen therapy for decompression illness/gas embolism (all ages). <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/hbot-decompression-illness-gas-embolism-all-ages/>

The aim of the service is to deliver Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) where clinically appropriate for those suffering from Decompression Illness (DCI) or Gas Embolism.

The above aim will be achieved by:

- (a) Providing 24 hour a day access to specialist clinical assessment by a Hyperbaric physician for patients who have symptoms following diving or exposure to altered pressure environment, or who may have had gas enter their circulation by another mechanism (gas embolism).
- (b) Where appropriate, onward referral or discharge of patients who do not require HBOT treatment for Decompression Illness (DCI) or Gas Embolism.
- (c) 24-hour access to HBOT where clinically appropriate.
- (d) HBOT delivered in facilities that are well maintained, comply with all relevant regulations, and follow best practice guidelines.
- (e) HBOT facilities are staffed with suitably qualified, experienced teams with skills that are actively maintained.
- (f) The delivery of care that is integrated with other services including the Emergency Department, Intensive Care, and other healthcare professionals as required.
- (g) Wherever possible, supporting the return of the service user to their pre-injury level of function, including referral to return to diving assessment if appropriate.
- (h) Engaging in relevant research and development of HBOT and actively engage in national audit and data collection for the HBOT service.
- (i) Working with relevant agencies and clinicians to support education and prevention initiatives.

Decompression Illness

Decompression illness arises from exposure to an altered pressure environment, most

often from diving. The geographical distribution of cases of decompression illness is determined by the local level of diving activity, and is concentrated around coastal areas, inland expanses of water and the locations of residence of the divers. Airports provide a significant minority of patients usually returning from a diving trip overseas. There is a total of approximately 150 - 200 cases in England per year.

#### Gas embolism

Cases of gas embolism arise from introduction of gas into a patient's circulation, most often inadvertently during a medical procedure (iatrogenic gas embolism). There are currently approximately 10 cases in England per year. However, this may be an underestimate of the number of actual cases.

The key objective of the Competitive Process is to commission six (6) geographically dispersed centres for the provision of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages with one HBOT centre in each of the following Lots:

- Lot 1: North West
- Lot 2: North East and Yorkshire
- Lot 3: East of England
- Lot 4: Midlands
- Lot 5: London and South East
- Lot 6: South West

Providers must be able to meet the requirements set out in this Competitive Process and deliver the contract in accordance with its terms.

To express interest and participate in the Competitive Process, please register and apply via Atamis esourcing portal <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. Should Tenderers have any queries, or having problems using the portal, they should contact Helpdesk at: Phone: 0800 9956035 E-mail: [support-health@atamis.co.uk](mailto:support-health@atamis.co.uk)

The closing date for completed Competitive Process responses is 12:00pm (noon), on Monday 24th February 2025.

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The contract duration is for 5 years with the Commissioners having the option to extend for up to an additional 1 + 1 year(s) (maximum contract duration 7 years).

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.

The decision maker of the award will be: NHS England

The intention is to award a contracts using the Competitive Process

#### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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