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## **Cervical Screening and Opportunistic Section 7a Immunisations in sexual health services across the East of England region**

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04d4f9

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

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

NHS England

7&8 Wellington Place

Leeds

LS1 4AP

#### **Contact**

Neelam Saroe

#### **Email**

[neelamsaroe@nhs.net](mailto:neelamsaroe@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

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

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**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**

Cervical Screening and Opportunistic Section 7a Immunisations in sexual health services across the East of England region

Reference number

AG24547

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

- 85121210 - Gynecologic or obstetric services

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

Services

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

NHS England - East of England (referred to as the Commissioner) is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to express an interest in delivering Cervical Screening and Opportunistic Section 7a Immunisations in sexual health services across the East of England region for a period of 3 years with the option to extend the contracts for a further 2 years. The services will be delivered under the NHS Standard Contract and services are expected to commence on 1st April 2025.

The Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Competitive Process is being utilised to facilitate an accreditation process to enable the award of contracts to suitably qualified providers, that meet the requirements of the accreditation process, to deliver the Service. The process is similar in principle to the Any Qualified Provider (AQP) process that was described under previous procurement legislation.

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands CSU (AGCSU) is acting as an agent for and on behalf of the Commissioner and is supporting the provider selection process.

Under the accreditation process all providers that complete and submit their response to the accreditation by the deadline (10.00am on Tuesday 11th February 2025) and meet, following evaluation, the requirements of the process, will be awarded a contract. Contracts are awarded on a zero-value basis and do not commit any activity or payment to the contracted provider. Payment will be on an activity-based model in line with the published tariff, which is detailed within the published tender documentation, which can be

found on the Atamis portal, details on how to access the portal are listed below.

Please note, the Commissioner reserves the right to open new 'windows' allowing for new submissions from new Providers to be accredited at any time during the contract period. Contracts that are awarded via subsequent 'windows' will be aligned to the initial contract term. As such, any contracts awarded via future Accreditation Process 'windows' will have an initial term until 31st March 2028, with the option to extend for up to 2 years. The decision as to whether and when to open a new 'window' will be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner.

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

Value excluding VAT: £734,520

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85121210 - Gyneacologic or obstetric services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

Main site or place of performance

East of England regions

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

Cervical screening is a national evidence-based programme providing screening for women and people with a cervix aged between 25 and 64 years to help prevent cervical cancer.

Nationally there is a drive to increase access to cervical screening, including through the use of sexual health services. In 2023 a national integrated sexual health service specification was launched to support cervical screening in that setting.

The NHS England, East of England region is currently the only English region that does not commission cervical screening in sexual health services. This constitutes a barrier to

access, particularly for high-risk groups who may not access GP practice services.

NHS England (EoE) held strategic contractual discussions to incorporate opportunistic immunisations into this contract. As the current incumbents already undertake this, we will hold one contract with sexual health service providers for Section 7a services. The single procurement will therefore be for both opportunistic cervical screening and opportunistic immunisations within existing sexual health service providers.

The aims of the service are to:

- Improve access to cervical screening and immunisations, particularly for groups who do not attend general practice.
- Offer women a choice of setting.
- Improve uptake in harder to reach groups by offering non-GP settings.
- Target women who are at higher risk of HPV infection and subsequent development of cervical cancer.
- Reduce inequalities in access and uptake.
- Improve access for people who have difficulty in attending appointments in core GP hours.

#### **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: £734,520

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

Duration in months

60

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.2.14) Additional information**

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 Contracting Authority will be using an eTendering system for this procurement exercise.

Further information and the ITT documentation can be found via the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-tendering system at the following link:

<https://atamis-1928.my.salesforce-sites.com/?SearchType=Projects>

You can also register your interest via this page. You can search for the opportunity by entering the following contract reference: C326613 - Cervical Screening and Section 7a Immunisations - East of England Region

Please see published procurement documentation for further details.

Please note the deadline for responses to the Competitive Process is 10:00am on Tuesday 11th February 2025.

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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

11 February 2025

Local time

10:00am

#### **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**

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

11 February 2025

Local time

10:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

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

NHS Arden and GEM CSU

St John's House, East Street

Leicester

LE1 6NB

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

NHS Arden and GEM CSU



St John's House, East Street

Leicester

LE1 6NB

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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