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## **Family Support Service for Children and Young People with a Neurodevelopmental Need - Sunderland - RFI**

NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-002669

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04d65b

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

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

NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB

Pemberton House

Sunderland

SR4 6SJ

#### **Email**

[necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKC23 - Sunderland

## **NHS Organisation Data Service**

QHM

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://northeastnorthcumbria.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 another address:

North of England Commissioning Support

John Snow House

Durham

NE15 8NY

### **Email**

[necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net)

### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **Region code**

UKC23 - Sunderland

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Main address

<https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>

#### **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**

Family Support Service for Children and Young People with a Neurodevelopmental Need  
- Sunderland - RFI

Reference number

NECS554

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB, (the Relevant Authority) who are conducting a Request for Information (RFI) exercise in order to gain a better understanding of the capacity and appetite of the market to deliver the Sunderland Family Support Service for Children and Young People with a Neurodevelopmental Need.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKC23 - Sunderland

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

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### **II.2.14) Additional information**

North of England Commissioning Support is working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB, and is managing this market engagement exercise for the provision of the Sunderland Family Support Service for Children and Young People with a Neurodevelopmental Need.

The Relevant Authority is issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) as a Request for Information (RFI) to engage with the market and to gather information in order to gain a better understanding of both the capacity and appetite of the market in delivering the proposed services.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intended approach 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.

It is important to note that this PIN/RFI is not a call for competition and as such you will need to express your interest in any future tender opportunity once the contract notice is published on Find a Tender Service.

It should also be noted that this PIN/RFI invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this RFI exercise only, and it is NOT a pre-qualification questionnaire, and is NOT part of any pre-qualification or selection process.

This PIN/RFI is intended as an awareness, communication, and information gathering exercise. An expression of interest is no indication of a commitment to participate in the RFI process nor does it infer any preferential or special status on those individuals and organisations who express an interest in the RFI exercise.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this RFI exercise and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents

issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including RFI submissions, will be conducted via Atamis:

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

Contract Ref: C330315

If you have already registered on the system (e.g. to access contracts with another Health Family organisation) then there is no need to re-register.

If you have not already done so you should now register as a Supplier on the shared system.

You can register here: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. If you find that you need any advice or support in registering, please contact the Atamis helpdesk using the following details:

Phone: 0800 9956035

E-mail: [support-health@atamis.co.uk](mailto:support-health@atamis.co.uk)

Opening times 8am - 6pm

The RFI documentation will be accessible from Monday 27 January 2025 and completed RFI responses must be returned by 17:00 on Monday 10 February 2025.

Potential providers are to note that the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (as amended) may apply to a future procurement including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

Following review of returned RFI responses, should the commissioner wish to seek further clarification to any part of the responses, further market engagement may be carried out. Providers will be made aware of these arrangements via the Atamis system.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 July 2025

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## **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