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## **Community Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Service**

NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04d67b

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

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

NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board

Stafford

ST18 0BF

#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Community Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Service

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Procurement Unit are issuing this Prior Information Notice on behalf of NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board (ICB) who are seeking initial engagement and feedback from the market to help inform the commissioning model for the future provision of the Community Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Service as the current contract is due to expire in 2025.

The notice has been issued subject to the Provider Selection Regime (PSR) regulations 2023 for the Procurement of Healthcare Services.

The current Community Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Service has an annual contract value of £1.87m.

Potentially interested parties are invited to respond to the questions by 12:00 hours on Monday 24th February within Atamis project C333608 to express an interest. The service scope is detailed within the Draft Service specification which can be found within the Atamis project C333608.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent
- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

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

The aim of the service is to provide a consultant led, community Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) service to diagnose and treat a range of ENT conditions and manage relevant follow-up activity within the service before final discharge back to the patient's own GP, or onward referral to secondary care and audiology services where necessary.

A further aim is to provide patients with access to diagnostics and treatment and providing a 'one-stop' service, where appropriate, with the overall aim of providing a timely assessment of the needs of a patient presenting with an ENT condition who would otherwise present in a secondary care service.

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

At this stage this is an engagement exercise. This engagement exercise will be operated via electronic means using the internet. Details will be made available via documentation and information released on the Atamis portal.

To respond to the PIN, please register via Atamis e-sourcing portal <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Atamis Reference: C333608.

Should providers 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)

Providers are requested to answer the questions within the requirement section when registering interest (via <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome> ref C333608) by 12:00 hours on Monday 24th February 2025.

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

1 January 2026

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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: No

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

#### Provider Selection Regime

The ICB are aware of their transparency obligations under The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. Please note for those providers expressing interest for these services, this does not guarantee that they will not be required to register for any future provider selection process, and they should not rely on their response to this Expressions of Interest notice as confirmation that the ICB will proceed further. Furthermore, although the ICB is conducting this market engagement exercise, it is under no obligation to take up any suggestions from providers.

All details provided by the ICB are in draft format, the ICB reserves the right to change/amend any aspect of the requirement prior to any potential future procurement exercise. Following this Market Engagement notice the ICB is not bound to follow a particular procurement route or to undertake a procurement exercise at all.

This notice is issued subject to Provider Selection Regime regulations. Please note that any subsequent contract ultimately emanating from this notice will be subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 will not apply to any future award.

#### Transparency

The contracting authority is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and may be required to disclose information received in the course of this procurement under FOIA or the EIR. In addition, and in accordance with the UK Government's policies on transparency, the contracting authority intends to publish procurement documentation and the text of any resulting contractual arrangements, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the contracting authority. Any redactions, whether in relation to information requests under FOIA, the EIR or policies on transparency will be in accordance with those grounds prescribed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Further information on transparency can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-and-contracting-transparency-requirements-guidance>