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Tender

Suffolk and North East Essex Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Long Covid Service

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NHS Organisation Data Service

QJG

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/snee-icb/aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/snee-icb/aspx/Home>

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

Suffolk and North East Essex Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Long Covid Service

Reference number

WSCCG - 00000114

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board are issuing Procurement Documentation in connection with the competitive procurement of the Suffolk and North East Essex Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Long Covid Service.

The service is being commissioned to provide a specialist integrated health service which includes but is not limited to an activity management and pacing programme to patients who have ME&CFS and/or Long Covid and have been referred to the service in accordance with the referral criteria.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk
- UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

Main site or place of performance

The service will cover the Suffolk and North East Essex locality.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The service is being commissioned to provide a specialist integrated health service which includes but is not limited to an activity management and pacing programme to patients who have ME&CFS and/or Long Covid and have been referred to the service in accordance with the referral criteria.

Key aims of the service are to provide early ME&CFS and/or Long Covid diagnosis for patients across SNEE ICS with a personalised care and support plan for ongoing management and signposting to appropriate services.

This Contract is being advertised with a potential duration of 3 years plus up to a 2-year extension. The Contract will be funded as a block contract with an anticipated total of £5,451,475.00 across the potential five years. The awarded Contract will be subject to the NHS standard inflation net of efficiency requirements, which will be applied to the Contract annually.

This notice is to inform providers of the release of documentation to initiate a competitive process to secure a Provider(s) to deliver this service.

In order to express an interest in this service and access the documentation, free of charge, please register on the In-tend portal via the following address and express an interest in the Suffolk and North East Essex Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Long Covid Service under 'current tenders'.

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/snee-icb/asp/Home>

If you have any questions, please send them as a correspondence through the In-tend website in the first instance or via email to the address contained within this notice.

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.

Responses must be submitted through the Intend e-Procurement Portal on the link provided in this notice prior to the stated deadline.

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: £5,451,475

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

Start date

1 August 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This Contract is being advertised with a potential duration of 3 years plus up to a 2-year extension.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This Contract is being advertised with a potential duration of 3 years plus up to a 2-year extension.

II.2.14) Additional information

The Authority may wish to introduce additional services during the lifetime of the contract ("Contract modifications"). Such contract modifications will be contemplated where additional requirements are similar and or complementary to the services already included in the Specification, at any given time. Such expansion would be by the addition of services commissioned by the Authority as named in the Contract Notice. To this end, the Bidder should be aware that after the award of contract, there is a possibility that the successful Bidder may be offered a variation to the contract in accordance with the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-035796](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

11 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

11 March 2025

Local time

1:00pm

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

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