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Planning

Expressions of Interest for the Provision of Initial Health Services for Asylum Seekers in Coventry

NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from 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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Expressions of Interest for the Provision of Initial Health Services for Asylum Seekers in Coventry

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 Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board (The Commissioner) would like to notify the market of a potential opportunity to provide initial health services for people seeking asylum and invite all interested providers to participate in an early market assessment questionnaire.

Your feedback will aim to:

- a. Provide Market intelligence in potential providers who are able to deliver this service.
- b. Ensure market feedback and opportunities are considered in the future plans of the commissioning.
- c. Highlight Market opportunities, risks and challenges.
- d. Sought Commissioners understanding of the future contracting and commissioning and development.

Please note the deadline for expressions of interest is 12:00PM (Mid-day) on 27th February 2025.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £100,908

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG33 - Coventry

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Provider is required to support the efficient and safe functioning of health services and access for people resident at an accommodation centre for up to 104 asylum seekers which is one of a number of such centres in the UK.

Whilst many asylum seekers do arrive in the UK in relatively good physical health, health problems can rapidly develop whilst they are in the UK. However, some asylum seekers can have increased health needs relative to other migrants.

The services delivered will only be for patients who are Asylum Seekers and under the care of the Initial Accommodation Centre (IAC).

The IAC has a satellite clinic onsite for the delivery of health checks. Services may be delivered in a suitable alternative location.

The provider will support the IAC by providing access to health checks, a care plan to address immediate concerns and subsequent referral for health care interventions. The service will manage the referral of patients to other services linked to the contract and coordinate all appointments. Through initial health assessments the service will identify patients that require immediate health care attention and support them to receive the appropriate care to address their urgent health needs.

Every asylum seeker residing at the IAC is to be offered screening for Tuberculosis. Appropriate assessment, triage and care is to be provided to asylum seekers presenting with minor illness and more complex health issues arising from the health assessment.

Current DH guidance on immunisation and vaccination will be followed. Asylum seekers with symptoms of anxiety and stress are to be referred on as clinically appropriate.

The contract type will be APMS or similar.

The estimated contract value of £100, 908 is based on the contract value for 24/25. Commissioners are waiting for confirmation of the funding allocation for 25/26.

Key points for consideration for interested providers are:-

1. Must be a current provider of health care services.
2. Must be able to demonstrate registration (without conditions) with the Care Quality Commission (CQC).
3. Must have available or access to workforce capacity to provide onsite services.

The key desirables for the service are: -

1. Have an understanding of the additional health needs of people seeking asylum.
2. Desirable use of EMIS.
3. Experience of providing similar service/s i.e. detained / justice; support to other migration and resettlement programmes.

A draft specification is available in the documents area of the e-tendering portal Atamis (project code: C330711). Please note, the draft specification is subject to change as the service requirements are subject to Home Office direction.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

5 February 2025

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is purely an early engagement exercise; any subsequent procurement will be advertised separately and all organisations wanting to participate will need to respond to the procurement advertisement as and when published.

This is a market testing exercise and does not commit the Commissioners to carry out a procurement process. Current services will remain in place during this period in line with existing contracts and service level agreements.

The procurement will be advertised in accordance with the Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Notice. The awarding of this contract will be subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 will not apply to this award.

The Contracting Authority will be using an eTendering system for this market engagement exercise.

To express an interest and access the questionnaire go to the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-tendering portal at the following link:

<https://health-family-contract-search.secure.force.com/?searchtype=Projects> and register your interest.

You can search for the opportunity by entering the following contract reference: C330711: EOI: Provision of Health Services for Asylum Seekers.

Please note this PIN closes 12:00PM (Mid-day) on 27th February 2025.