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Planning

Community Audiology – Support Services

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-004013

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0437d0

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust

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Region code

UKH14 - Suffolk

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Community Audiology – Support Services

Reference number

ESNEFT2165

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Voluntary Sector Support to Community Audiology Patients within North East Essex

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £40,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85121240 - ENT or audiologist services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

Main site or place of performance

North East Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The following line should be included: 'This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award 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 publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by 16 February 2024. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.'

You should provide an address (which could be an email address) where written representations should be sent.

You must:

- include details of the award decision-makers;
- note any declared conflicts or potential conflicts of interest of individuals making the decision and how these were managed; and
- include a statement explaining the relative importance of the key criteria that the relevant authority used to make a decision, the rationale for the relative importance of the key criteria, and the rationale for choosing the provider with reference to the key criteria.

Sample wording: 'Conflicts of interest identified among [group/committee/officer]: [number]. The non-conflicted members have assessed the nature and risk of this conflict, and have decided which steps to take to avoid or manage it. [Potential steps may include: excluding the conflicted member from related discussions, excluding the conflicted member from decision-making, delegating the matter to a sub-committee of non-conflicted decision-makers, or seeking independent advice to help make the decision. This list is illustrative rather than exhaustive.]'

SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 9(4)

Content of notice of intention to award to the existing provider under Direct Award Process C

1.A statement that the relevant authority is intending to award a contract to an existing provider following Direct Award Process C.

An award has been made following Direct Award Process C

2.The contract title and reference.

Title - Community Audiology – Support Services

Reference - Community Audiology Service 2024-25

3.The name and address of the registered office or principal place of business of the provider to whom an award is to be made.

RNID
Brightfield Business Hub
Orton Southgate
Peterborough
PE2 6XU

4.A description of the relevant health care services to which the contract relates, including the most relevant CPV code

Description - Voluntary Sector Support to Community Audiology Patients within North East Essex

CPV Code – 85323000-9 Community health services, but only in respect of community health services which are delivered to individuals

5.The approximate lifetime value of the contract.
£40,000

6.Details of the award decision-makers.

Governance – NICS Collaborative and NEE Community Services (NEECS) DMT

Key Individuals - East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust (ESNEFT)::

Associate Director of Operations- NEECS
General Manager Unplanned & Urgent Care – NEECS
Clinical Lead for Community Audiology - Acute

7.A statement explaining the award decision-makers' reasons for selecting the chosen provider, with reference to the key criteria.

Key Criteria:

- A. Quality and Innovation – The provider brings quality, learning and innovations from the services they deliver nationally and, where suitable, incorporate them in the service they deliver in North East Essex
- B. Value – They have consistently over a period of time delivered a valuable service within the budget allocation
- C. Integration, collaboration, and service sustainability – The Provider works closely with the Current Community Audiology Service provider and the local Hospital Acute Audiology team feeding into a Hub their ongoing work and striving to improve and deliver the best possible service to their community
- D. Improving access, reducing health inequalities, and facilitating choice – The Provider has set up locations throughout North east Essex for ease of access service of the

community. Monitoring the demand and increasing access as and when required. They employ local staff permanent and Volunteer staff to deliver their support and encourage patients to become volunteers to pass on their learning and experience.

E. Social Value – The use of local facilities, a varied choice of locations to support ease of access and use of local workforce all add to the social value that this provider brings to this contract

8. Any declared conflicts or potential conflicts of interest.

None

9. Information as to how any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest were managed.

All Key individuals at Section 6 completed and signed ESNEFT Procurement Declaration of interest Forms. All individuals external to ESNEFT have followed their own internal governance. At all meetings attendees are/will be asked to declare any interests.

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

8 February 2024

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