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## **Expressions of Interest - Covid Outreach Programme - East Of England**

NHS England

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04dcc6

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

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

NHS England

7-8 Wellington Place

Leeds

LS1 4AP

#### **Email**

[stacey.thrower@nhs.net](mailto:stacey.thrower@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.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**

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**

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**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

\*This is a Prior Information Notice\*

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU) on behalf of NHS England East of England (The Commissioners) would like to notify the market of a potential upcoming opportunity to deliver the Covid Outreach Programme in the East Of England.

The commissioners would like to invite interested providers to register their interest via the Atamis e-tendering portal, and to access the Outreach COVID-19 vaccination programme Schedule (2A).

All interested providers are invited to participate in an early market engagement assessment questionnaire. This will be used as a conduit to ascertain market capability and interest in the opportunity and help determine the appropriate way forward and to help inform the commissioners on which procurement process to carry out i.e. a Competitive Process or a Most Suitable Provider Process.

The contract length will be for a 1 year term.

The value of the service provision resulting from this Procurement Process will be:

- £7.54 for administration of each covid 19 vaccination plus an additional £2.50 where seasonal influenza is not given
- £10 per dose administered to housebound patients (this excludes patients resident in care homes)

plus an additional block amount, to be agreed.

Please note this PIN closes 2400hrs (Midnight) on Sunday 16th February 2025. Following the closure of the PIN notice, the Commissioner may reach out to those that have expressed an interest with further communications.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

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

NHS England is responsible for commissioning Section 7A Public Health services which include the Covid 19 vaccination programme.

The aim of this service is to deliver access and inequality schemes in relation to the delivery of the Covid 19 vaccination programme to patients in the JCVI specified target groups across the East of England, for example the WOW bus in Norfolk and Waveney or targeted community clinics in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes.

NHS England, East of England, has reviewed the existing Covid 19 services delivered across the region's 6 ICBs (currently configured according to geographies of Mid and South Essex, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, Norfolk and Waveney, Hertfordshire and West Essex, Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes, and Suffolk, North East Essex).

To streamline our commissioning approach and ensure equity, it is our intention to consider moving to commission a single service for the East of England Region. It is our intention for this contract to commence 1st April 2025.

The Commissioner is placing a Prior Information Notice (PIN) which will be used as a conduit to obtain feedback from the market and ascertain market capability and interest in the opportunity.

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

It is the expectation of the commissioner that the providers will review the contents of this Notice in order to inform their responses to the pre-market engagement questionnaire.

Please note the Contract Notice Publish date is only indicative at this time and is subject to change.

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

17 February 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

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## 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: C337756 - EOI Covid Outreach Procurement - East of England

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