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Planning

Community Services for West Lancashire

NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Community Services for West Lancashire

Reference number

WHISP-297

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Community Healthcare services in the area of West Lancashire. Including Community Nursing and Allied Therapy Services for Adults (and children where specified).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £54,985,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD47 - Chorley and West Lancashire

Main site or place of performance

West Lancashire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (CSU) is issuing this PIN on behalf of another NHS Body - NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) who wishes to procure Community Services for West Lancashire. This Prior Information Notice is for information only.

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB has set out an ambition to have a world-class, community-centric health and care system, with its four place-based partnerships, or 'places', at the heart of this Transformation. One of the ICB's top priorities is to transform community health services and integrated community teams, aiming to elevate health outcomes, tackle health inequalities, and keep more people thriving within their communities. By transforming community services, the Lancashire and South Cumbria system will be empowered to support people in staying well, proactively identifying those at risk of deterioration, and offering them personalised care and support.

Community health services cover a wide range of services and provide care for people from birth to the end of their life. Community health teams play a vital role in supporting people with complex health and care needs to live independently in their own home for as long as possible. Lancashire and South Cumbria has four places: Lancashire, South Cumbria, Blackpool, and Blackburn with Darwen. West Lancashire is a district area of Lancashire and is predominantly a rural district. It has a population of approximately 118,000 people and is made up of the 1960s new town of Skelmersdale, the historic market town of Ormskirk, and a number of villages situated primarily in the rural Northern Parishes.

West Lancashire Community services are mainly adult physical health services but include paediatric podiatry services for those children who need local access to community services. The current provision will conclude at the end of March 2026, and this notification is provided to enable interested parties to plan for a potential PSR competitive process.

The value of the contract will be £10.997 million per year. The total contract value over the 3 years plus the potential 2-year extension will be £54.985 million.

There is a range of specifications that will form the overall contract and these include a Community Diabetes Service; a Community Stroke and Neuro Rehabilitation Service; and an Intermediate Care Therapy Service. The ICB is considering awarding one contract for all of these specifications.

Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB is eager to hear from experienced Healthcare providers with the knowledge, expertise, and innovation to shape and deliver these vital services. The ICB is not bound to take on board providers' input but is keen to shape the services with best knowledge and engagement from the market.

Any feedback or pre-procurement questions from providers should be submitted to charlotte.mcallister@nhs.net by no later than 21/02/2025. When you respond, please provide information about your past experience and what services that you are currently delivering.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

7 March 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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Provider Selection Regime: The Integrated Care Board (ICB) is aware of its 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 there will not be a requirement to register for any future provider selection process. This Prior Information Notice is not confirmation that the ICB will take further action, and providers should not rely on any communication to this Prior Information Notice as confirmation that the ICB will proceed further. Furthermore, although the ICB is publishing this Prior Information Notice, it is under no obligation to implement 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 activity. The ICB also reserves the right to discontinue the process at any time, which shall include the right not to award a contract or contracts and reserves the right to award a contract in part or to call for any Market Engagement process.

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

The Contracting Authority shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any candidate or tenderer in connection with the completion and return of the information requested in this Prior Information Notice, or attendance at any meetings or events either virtually or in person.

All dates, time periods and values specified in this notice are provisional and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change these.

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.