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Planning

NHS Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Clinical Commissioning Groups Spirometry Services

NHS South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS East Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS Stafford and Surrounds Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS North Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS Stoke on Trent Clinical Commissioning Group

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Section I: Contracting authority

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

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

NHS Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Clinical Commissioning Groups Spirometry Services

Reference number

S-22-02

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Procurement Unit are issuing this Prior Information Notice on behalf of the six Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent CCGs who are seeking engagement with potential providers, sub-contractors and the market in general in relation to the provision of Spirometry services in Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent.

The six Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent CCGs are conducting this initial engagement exercise to establish potential interest, as well as gauging the capacity and readiness of

providers to deliver spirometry services - with the specific aim of reducing and managing a backlog of patient need, directly resultant from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Potentially interested parties are invited to feedback their comments with regard to their capacity, readiness (specifically providers' compliance with Association for Respiratory Technology and Physiology (ARTP) standards, registration and equipment) and interest in delivering these services across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

It should be noted that the CCGs do not guarantee to consider or adopt any of the proposals put forward by the market.

Interested providers are required to respond by 12:00 hours on Wednesday 2nd March 2022.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent
- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Coverage is required across each of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent CCG areas to ensure equity of access for patients.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Commissioners are seeking to engage with the market to establish the capacity and interest of potential providers to deliver Spirometry testing.

The current service provision is delivered in both primary care and acute care settings, however during the pandemic, delivery of spirometry testing has been greatly reduced. The current provision of spirometry testing in primary care is limited by such factors as; adequate ventilation, registration and compliance with ARTP training and guidance and

overall capacity.

Secondary care providers have continued to deliver Spirometry testing in acute settings to provide some patient access, but this model is unsustainable and inefficient.

Commissioners are therefore seeking to engage potential providers with regard to understanding their interest, capacity, and readiness to deliver a twelve-month (with potential to extend by a further twelve-months) service to reduce the backlog that has been building throughout the pandemic.

The future provision of spirometry services is being assessed and the commissioning objective (post reduction of the current backlog of patient need) is to secure a long-term solution in a primary/community care setting.

Commissioners wish to understand;

- a. The number of spirometry tests that potential providers would be able to deliver in a twelve-month period
- b. The readiness of providers to deliver spirometry tests and the timeframes within which providers can mobilise and commence delivery of services
- c. The price point at which providers can deliver spirometry testing and the associative reporting of results to GP practices.

Providers are requested to answer these questions when registering interest by 12:00 hours on Wednesday 2nd March 2022.

Commissioners are seeking to engage with a range of providers to inform a potential future procurement and welcome feedback and comments from all interested parties.

There is presently a significant backlog of patient need for spirometry testing across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent and any future procurement would seek to support clearing this backlog while medium and long term service options are considered and developed.

Commissioners are seeking to mobilise proposed contracts as soon as possible in order to address the backlog that has been building throughout the pandemic. Should this service be subject to a procurement, it will be advertised separately, and providers will need to register separately when the opportunity is advertised. The CCGs would be seeking to mobilise as soon as possible from the award of any contract.

The proposed contract term is twelve months, with a further twelve-month extension possible upon review.

Providers will be required to ensure that results can be shared with GP practices and other providers as necessary, and that all national guidance is adhered to.

Further information relating to these aspects, as well as total budget and the total number of tests to be commissioned, will be made available, pending market engagement outcomes, via the service specification and ITT documentation - should the CCGs commence procurement of the service.

Please respond via ITT_827 on the Bravo E-Sourcing portal (<https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>) using the messaging tool.

II.2.14) Additional information

Additional information of the ARTP Spirometry Certification and associative guidance is available here - Spirometry Certification (artp.org.uk).

All providers of Spirometry must comply with ARTP guidance related to performing spirometry during Covid -19 Pandemic, available here - COVID-19 (artp.org.uk).

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 April 2022

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

At this stage this is a Market Engagement exercise only and not a call for competition. Should this service be subject to a procurement, it will be advertised separately. This engagement exercise will be operated via electronic means using the internet. NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit are conducting this exercise on behalf of the Commissioners. Details will be made available via documentation and information released on the Midlands and Lancashire CSU portal at <https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>

Candidates wishing to participate must register at <https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>

Candidates already registered will not need to re-register.

This contract is for clinical services which are light touch regime services for the purpose of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations ('Regulations'). Accordingly, the contracting authority is only bound by those parts of the Regulations detailed in Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regimes Section 7. The contracting authority is not voluntarily following any other part of the regulations.

Right to Cancel: The Contracting Authority reserves the right to discontinue the process at any time, which shall include the right not to award a contract or contracts. This is not a call for tenders and the Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept any tender received, and reserves the right to award a contract in part, or to call for tenders should as considers necessary.

Interested providers are required to respond via Bravo by 12:00 hours on Wednesday 2nd March 2022.