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Tender

SEND Integrated Therapy Services 0-25

Essex County Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/>

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

SEND Integrated Therapy Services 0-25

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Essex County Council (ECC) has a statutory responsibility, as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014 and the SEND Code of Practice 2015 to ensure delivery of the therapy provision detailed in a child or young person's Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health and Care Plan. Where that therapy provision cannot be resourced and delivered through the Clinical Commissioning Groups' contracts, Essex County Council must source the provision to comply with its' statutory obligations.

Currently to date ECC has a single contract in place for the delivery of an Essex wide service this arrangement terminates 31st July 2022 and will be replaced by contracts for 3 Service Delivery Areas, that are geographically aligned with the Essex NHS Integrated Care Systems that allow easier and closer working with Health teams in the area, and to develop a cohesive service that supports the local population. In addition, ECC spot purchases from a range of individual Independent Therapists, largely to support those Essex Children and Young People who attend Settings in other local authority areas. ECC will consolidate these arrangements within this contract, to ensure consistency and monitoring.

Through this procurement ECC must ensure that Direct Therapy Hours identified for Children and Young People as part of their EHCP, that are not supported by CCG Commissioned Services are delivered, and that there is sufficient support for ECC at the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal (SENDIST) through assessment, report writing and attendance at court where required.

In addition, ECC are seeking the creation of innovative models of early intervention that develop the skills and empower the wider workforce, along with parents and carers to support Children and Young People at the earliest opportunity, ensuring that their needs

are identified and met as soon as possible in the most appropriate way for them. These models will be developed through system wide collaboration with Local NHS Therapy Teams, ECC teams and Essex Schools.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1- Mid and South Essex

Further details will be available in the tender documents

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2- North East Essex

Further details are available in the tender documents

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3- West Essex

Further details will be available in the tender documents

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

4 April 2022

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used