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## **NECS500 County Durham and Darlington Palliative Care Rapid Response Service**

NHS North East North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03e374

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

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

NHS North East North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Sunderland

#### **Email**

[necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKC - North East (England)

#### **NHS Organisation Data Service**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

North of England Commissioning Support Unit

John Snow House

County Durham

DH1 3YG

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[necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net)

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

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#### **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**

NECS500 County Durham and Darlington Palliative Care Rapid Response Service

Reference number

NECS500

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NHS NENC ICB) - County Durham and Tees Valley Place (the Contracting Authority), who are undertaking a procurement to commission a Palliative Care Rapid Response Service across the County Durham and Darlington area under NHS Standard Terms and Conditions Contract 2024/25.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,800,375

### **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 1 Darlington

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Darlington region

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

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- Lot 1 - Darlington;

- Lot 2 - County Durham.

The contract term is for an initial period of 3 years commencing on 01 October 2024, with an option to extend for a further 2 years at the discretion of the Contracting Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

The closing date for submission of tenders is by 12 noon on 15 March 2024.

#### Additional information

Firstly, the "Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006" as amended by the "Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulation 2014" (TUPE) may apply to this contract. However, Bidders are advised to obtain their own legal advice and carry out due diligence including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

Secondly, previous publication concerning this procedure publication reference 2023/S 000-020808.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this procurement and communicate with potential bidders. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential bidders and all communications with NECS, including bid submissions, will be conducted via the Atamis portal at: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should bidders have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal; they should contact the Atamis helpdesk via:

[Support-health@Atamis.co.uk](mailto:Support-health@Atamis.co.uk) or phone number 0800 9956035

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 08.00 am - 06.00 pm

Tender documentation will be available on the e-tendering site from 14 February 2024.

Legal, economic, financial, and technical information

Conditions for participation

Objective rules and criteria for participation

Under the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012, Contracting Authorities must consider:

(a) How what is proposed to be procured might improve the economic, social, and environmental well-being of the area where they exercise their functions; and

(b) How, in conducting the process of procurement, they might act with a view to securing that improvement. Accordingly, the subject matter of the contract has been scoped to take into account the priorities of the Contracting Authority relating to "economic, social, and environmental well-being".

The basic principles of the Open Procedure will be followed for this procurement to test the capacity, capability, and technical competence of bidders in accordance with The Light Touch Rules Regime, Regulations 74 to 77 of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No102) (for Health, Social, Education, and certain other Service Contracts).

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,242,955

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 County Durham

Lot No

2

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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- UKC - North East (England)

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Value excluding VAT: £4,557,420



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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-020808](#)

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

Date

15 March 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Public Procurement Review Service

Cabinet Office

London

Email

[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Commissioner will act in accordance with Part 3 Chapter 5 Regulation 85 to 87 and Part 3 Chapter 6 Regulation 88 to 104 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 102) (PCR 2015). Part 3 of the PCR 2015 provides for appeals to be made to the High Court subject to the time limitations and other required procedural steps. The rules relating to appeal are complex and a dissatisfied tenderer is advised to take their own prompt legal advice.

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Royal Courts of Justice - The High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://courtribunalfinder.service.gov.uk/courts/royal-courts-of-justice>