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Planning

## **Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) within Cumbria**

NHS England & NHS Improvement North East

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-029e9b

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

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

NHS England & NHS Improvement North East

The Old Exchange, Barnard Street

Darlington

DL3 7DR

#### **Email**

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

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKD - North West (England)

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/nhsnecsu/aspx/home>

### **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/nhsnecsu/aspx/home>

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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) within Cumbria

Reference number

NHSE644

#### **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 working for and on behalf of NHS England and NHS Improvement North East and Cumbria(Health and Justice Team) (the Contracting Authority) to conduct market engagement to obtain input and feedback in preparation for the potential tender of the below contract:-

- NHSE644 Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) service for all ages (Cumbria Only)

The Contracting Authority would like to gather soft intelligence from the market and are publishing a Request for Information (RFI) for each service.

The service will be tendered as 2 separate lots, lot 1 North East SARC service (Adult Only) and Lot 2 Cumbria SARC service (All Ages), please note that this RFI is for Lot 2 - CUMBRIA ONLY and will have the following estimated contract value:-

NHSE644 - Lot 2 - Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) Services for all ages (Cumbria Only)

Annual Contract Value - £380,199

The RFIs and further documentation including draft service specifications for each of the services will be available on the Intend Portal <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/nhsnecsu/aspx/home> The RFIs will be available from 23 March 2021 and the deadline for responses will be 12 Noon 13 April 2021. Please note that all communications and RFI submissions will be conducted via the Intend Portal. The portal can be accessed at any time of the day and it is free to register.

Please note that this exercise is not part of any pre-qualification process. It is intended as an awareness, communication and information gathering exercise offering an opportunity for provider organisations to help inform potential future service models and/or commissioning intentions.

To register an interest in responding to this market engagement exercise and obtain a copy of the Request for Information documentation please go to the Intend portal: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/nhsnecsu/aspx/home> .

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is utilising an electronic tendering tool (In-Tend) (e-Tendering system) to manage this market engagement exercise and communicate with potential bidders in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015(as amended)

It is free to register on In-Tend, which can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should you have any queries, or you are having problems registering please contact the In-Tend helpdesk

via: [support@in-tend.com](mailto:support@in-tend.com) or call us on 0845 557 8079 / +44 (0) 114 407 0065.

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 9 a.m.-5.30 p.m.

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,281,194

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

Main site or place of performance

Within the area of Cumbria

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

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

7 May 2021

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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

