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Tender

ENHT & HCT - Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Assessments

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust
East & North Hertfordshire NHS Trust

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

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Region code

UKH - East of England

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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I.1) Name and addresses

East & North Hertfordshire NHS Trust

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Stevenage, Herts,

SG1 4AB

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Main address

<https://www.enherts-tr.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

In the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law

English

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 the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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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

ENHT & HCT - Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Assessments

Reference number

C249206

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (HCT) and East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust (ENHT) have a backlog of children who require an Autism diagnostic assessment. The Trusts are working with the Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board to outsource some of these children and young people (CYP) in an effort to reduce their waiting time for an assessment and to enable the implementation of a revised diagnostic pathway. As such, the Trusts are seeking proposals from appropriately qualified companies who can complete assessments for CYP over 5 years to assist with the backlog and provide ongoing assessments as required. The Trusts are seeking a value for money, high quality service that will be responsive to the needs of the client. The opportunity is broken down into 4 lots; 2 for each Trust. Two lots require that the provider must have Consultant Paediatricians/Paediatricians as part of the team. It is expected that the assessments will be a combination of face to face and virtual assessments (face to face only for 5- and 6-year-olds). Robust contract management and good effective liaison with the Trust's key contact will be required. The contract is anticipated to go live early June 2024 and it is expected that the contract term will be for one year with the option to extend for a further 1 + 1 years. The Trusts reserve the right to award a contract to more than one supplier to meet the capacity demands either at the tender stage or thereafter. The Trusts will place orders with the most economically viable bidders and their ability to meet the capacity required within each lot. No assurances can be given from either Trust to any provider that they will get any number of orders or guaranteed a minimum or maximum value of orders.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Supplier(s) will be required to carry out Autism diagnostic assessments on the cohort of children that is provided to them on behalf of the Trusts, at the scale required and within the timeframes of delivery. The Supplier(s) will be required to outline where the assessments will take place, whether these will be face to face Autism diagnostic assessments or virtual. The Supplier(s) will be an expert provider of NICE compliant Autism Diagnostic assessments and will be familiar with all methods and diagnostic tools used. Part of the service will include providing feedback and a completed report to the parents and child/ young person, as well as a copy of the final report to the family GP and HCT or ENHT Community Paediatrics team for their records. The Supplier(s) will provide monthly updates in a format agreed by the Trusts, reporting on completed assessments, summarising the number of children diagnosed, those who have not attended their appointment and those whose assessment has resulted in a non-diagnosis. The Supplier(s) shall performance monitor their activities/ services to demonstrate that the Services are achieved and where not achieved the extent of any shortfall is identified, reported and acted upon. Detailed supporting information will be made available to the Trusts should it be required, and all reports must be provided in the manner prescribed and in accordance with GDPR legislation, to ensure that the Trusts are able to access data as and when required.

Upon contract engagement, each of the Trusts will undertake 5 Quality Assurance Assessments to assure standards of assessments and clinical reporting.

This opportunity is being published on the Atamis e-procurement portal, reference number C249206.

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

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

3 June 2024

End date

2 June 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Optional Extension of +1 +1 Years.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

25 March 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

25 March 2024

Local time

1:00pm

Place

Hertfordshire & West Essex ICS NHS Procurement, 2nd Floor Gate House, Fretherne Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6NS via Atamis eTendering Portal

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The opportunity is broken down into 4 lots; 2 for each Trust. Two lots require that the provider must have Consultant Paediatricians/Paediatricians as part of the team.

Lot 1a - HCT - CYP Aged 5-6 Years 364 Days - Face to Face

Lot 1b - HCT - CYP Aged 7+ to 17 Years 364 Days - Virtual or Face to Face

Lot 2a - ENHT - CYP Aged 5-6 Years 364 Days - Face to Face

Lot 2b - ENHT - CYP Aged 7+ to 17 Years 364 Days - Virtual or Face to Face

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

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London

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<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>