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Planning

NHS Breast Test and Training Service

NHS England

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

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

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 Breast Test and Training Service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80320000 - Medical education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS England is to conduct market engagement to obtain input and feedback in preparation for a potential tender of a Breast Test and Training service.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A Breast Test and Training service is required to support the role of the Screening Quality Assurance Service (SQAS) in ensuring compliance of all local screening programmes. The current Breast Test and Trace service is a web based, quality assurance system, utilising bespoke Software. It tests image readers, within the screening programme, in their individual skill in identifying appropriate signs of breast cancer from a preselected set of radiographic images. It is mandatory for all image readers in the NHSBCSP to take part twice a year. Participation in the scheme is mandatory within the national service specification due to the realisable benefits to programme professionals reporting breast images. It allows new image readers and those returning following an absence from work to assess their capability in reporting breast images (malignant, benign and normal). This gives reassurance that the reader is competent and also tests their ability to accurately report breast examinations. It also serves as a refresher course for existing image readers and allows access to radiological images of rare and unusual breast lesions which they would not normally be exposed to which can help reduce the incidence of false positive and false negative diagnoses.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

26 April 2024

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