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Planning

## **NHS Devon ICB- Plymouth Hospital Discharge and Community Support**

NHS Devon Integrated Care Board (ICB)

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-006891

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04e702

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

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

NHS Devon Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Aperture House, Rydon Lane

Exeter

EX25AZ

#### **Email**

[scwcsu.clinical.procurement@nhs.net](mailto:scwcsu.clinical.procurement@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK41 - Plymouth

### **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

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

Main address

<https://onedevon.org.uk/>

## **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

## **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**

NHS Devon ICB- Plymouth Hospital Discharge and Community Support

Reference number

C340845

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to inform the market of NHS Devon Integrated Care Board's (the Commissioner's), intention to commission a Hospital Discharge and Community service for Plymouth. The Commissioner is communicating a market engagement event and request expressions of interest for this.

This exercise is being managed by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner(s).

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,978,675

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKK4 - Devon

Main site or place of performance

Plymouth

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

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The Commissioner is communicating a market engagement event and request expressions of interest.

The Plymouth Locality of NHS Devon ICB are looking to undertake an information gathering exercise to further understand what support is and could be available for Plymouth's residents upon discharge from hospital. This is to facilitate safe and timely discharges to vulnerable patients'\* homes once they become medically fit; whilst also maximising support to enable people to remain living at home during periods of escalated need to avoid unnecessary hospital admission via a newly commissioned service.

(For the purposes of this proposed service, a vulnerable patient is defined as someone requiring special care, support or protection. This could be due to age, disability, risk of abuse or neglect.)

The purpose of this event is to:

Begin a process of dialogue with the market

Ensure that we commission a service that is fit for the future, clear on our expectations, meets local needs, is appealing and deliverable for providers.

The estimated budget for this service is currently £395,735 per annum and the expected contract term is likely to be 3 years, with the option to extend for a further 2 years, making an estimated contract value of £1,187,205 for the initial term. If the 2 year extension is utilised, the estimated total contract value is £1,978,675.

This event is an information gathering exercise rather than initiating a competitive procurement process; and therefore publication or response does not commit NHS Devon ICB or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest. NHS Devon ICB will share the outcomes from this event with Providers who have expressed an interest on the Atamis

portal.

TUPE may apply to this process

It is the commissioners intention to hold a market engagement event on Friday the 21st of March 2025 at the Methodist Central Hall, Eastlake Street, Plymouth PL1 1BA, with all parties who have registered an interest in joining. An invitation to this in person event will be issued directly to you once you have registered on the Atamis Portal.

The deadline to register your interest is 17:00 on Friday the 14th of March.

This exercise is being managed by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner.

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

1 June 2025

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

This notice is an information gathering exercise rather than a call for competition in its own right, and therefore publication or response does not commit the Authority or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest. The Authority will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise.

Interested providers will be able to view this opportunity via the live opportunities list on the 'Health Family' e-procurement system, Atamis. Click on 'View our Live Opportunities' from the home page, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the relevant information and market engagement questionnaire, you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page.

You will find the project titled: Plymouth Hospital Discharge and Community Support with the Atamis reference C340845.

If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before gaining full access to the documentation and to be able to submit your expression of interest using the correspondence function within Atamis.

It is the Commissioners intention to hold a market engagement event on Friday 21st March 2025 in person, with all parties who have registered their interest. An invitation to this in person event will be issued directly to you once you have registered on the Atamis portal.

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).