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Planning

Black Country LMNS Neonatal Psychology Hub

NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG3 - West Midlands

NHS Organisation Data Service

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/>

I.3) Communication

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Black Country LMNS Neonatal Psychology Hub

Reference number

BC HC 535 2023/24

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Black Country LMNS Neonatal Psychology Hub will consist of one part time senior

practitioner psychologist (AfC band 8b). This role will provide clinical activity, including case consultation, reflective practice, supervision, debrief, teaching, training and quality improvement work, to the four neonatal MDTs, on a request basis. The role will provide clinical supervision (and management where appropriate and agreed within subsequent unit service specifications) to neonatal clinical psychologists working across the system at New Cross, City, Russells Hall and Walsall Manor hospitals.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £127,263

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Aims and objectives of service:

The service aims to provide psychological leadership to the four neonatal units in the Black Country. Through a consultation model and clinical activity including case consultation, reflective practice, supervision, debrief, teaching, training and quality improvement work, the service aims to support neonatal MDTs within the Black Country LMNS to deliver psychologically informed care to infants and their families. By providing clinical and professional supervision and oversight to other psychological professionals working as part of the four neonatal MDTs in the Black Country (and managing psychologists across the system where appropriate and agreed within subsequent unit service specifications), the service aims to deliver the professional infrastructure required for the four neonatal MDTs to establish the specialist psychological support recommended in the BAPM Quality and Service Standards (2022).

Service description/care pathway:

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clinical supervision (and management where appropriate and agreed within subsequent unit service specifications) to neonatal clinical psychologists working across the system at New Cross, City, Russells Hall and Walsall Manor hospitals.

Interdependence with other services/providers:

This service will interface closely with the four Neonatal teams in the Black Country. The post holder should have honorary contracts for the four neonatal Provider Trusts within the Black Country ICB (Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust; Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust; Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust; Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust). Clinical responsibility for the care of individual infants and family members will be held by the neonatal MDTs, with the Black Country LMNS Neonatal Psychology Hub holding clinical responsibility for the advice and recommendations it provides. Key relationships will be with senior members of the clinical teams from the four neonatal units listed above, including clinical leads, matrons, unit managers, as well as other members of the four MDTs (including Allied Health Professionals and nursing staff in quality roles such as Family Integrated Care Lead, infant feeding leads).

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

2 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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intended approach notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

The Local Maternity Network System (LMNS) was awarded funding as part of Ockenden for a Black Country LMNS-wide Neonatal Clinical Psychologist (Band 8b). It has been recognised that there are support requirements which no one in the Trusts or Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust could offer. Therefore, a decision was made that the West Midlands Neonatal Network should host this post to enable the support required. The decision at ICB level is supported by Chief Finance Officer and Deputy Chief Finance Officer.

The intention is to award a contract using the most suitable provider process.