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Tender

## **Community Dental Services**

NHS England and NHS Improvement North West

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**13 September 2021, 12:00pm**

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

NHS England and NHS Improvement North West

Preston Business Centre, Watling Street Road

Preston

PR2 8DY

### **Email**

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

### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/north-west/>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

North of England Commissioning Support Unit

John Snow House

Durham

DH1 3YG

**Email**

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

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKD4 - Lancashire

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.necsu.nhs.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Community Dental Services

Reference number

NHSE618

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

- 85131000 - Dental-practice services

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

Services

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

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) are working for, and on behalf of, NHS England and NHS Improvement North West who wish to commission a Community Dental Service (CDS), within the locality of Lancashire.

The basic principles that mirror that of the open procedure will be followed for this procurement to test the capacity, capability, and technical competence of tenderers in accordance with the Light Touch Regime within The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended), ensuring a fair, open and transparent process in accordance with NHS (Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition) (No. 2) Regulations 2013.

Under the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 the Contracting Authority must consider:

- (a) How what is proposed to be procured might improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area where it exercises its functions, and
- (b) How, in conducting the process of procurement, it might act with a view to securing that improvement.

Accordingly, the subject matter of the contract has been scoped to take into account the priorities of the Contracting Authority relating to economic, social and environmental well-being.

This procurement will be conducted via the NECS e-tendering system (In-tend) as such there will be no hard copy documents issued to bidders and all communications between bidders and NECS, including tender submissions, will be conducted via the In-tend portal.

To express an interest in tendering for this procurement, please register on the In-tend e-tendering portal, which can be found at: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/nhsnecs> and follow the registration instructions.

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

Value excluding VAT: £22,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 85131000 - Dental-practice services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD4 - Lancashire

Main site or place of performance

Lancashire

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

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## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £22,000,000

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

24

## **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

## **II.2.14) Additional information**

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Under the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 Contracting Authorities must consider:

(a) How what is proposed to be procured might improve the economic, social, and environmental well-being of the area where they exercise their functions;

and

(b) How, in conducting the process of procurement, they might act with a view to securing that improvement.

Accordingly, the subject matter of the contract has been scoped to take into account the priorities of the Contracting Authority relating to “economic, social, and environmental well-being”. The basic principles of the Open Procedure will be followed for this procurement to test the capacity, capability, and technical competence of bidders in accordance with The Light-Touch Rules Regime, Regulations 74 to 77 of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No102) (for Health, Social, Education, and certain other Service Contracts).

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure**

Information about national procedures is available at:

[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/102/pdfs/ukxi\\_20150102\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/102/pdfs/ukxi_20150102_en.pdf)

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**



Public contracts for Health, Social, Education, and certain other Service Contracts listed in Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 102) (PCR 2015) shall be awarded in accordance with Chapter 3 Section 7 Regulation 74 to 77 of PCR 2015 (as amended).

## **IV.2) Administrative information**

### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2020/S 198-481343](#)

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

Originally published as:

Date

10 May 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

13 September 2021

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Public Procurement Review Service

Cabinet Office

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