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Planning

## **NECS555 Request for Information - Trauma Intervention and Bereavement Counselling Service for children, young people and young adults aged 4 - 35 years**

NHS NORTH EAST AND NORTH CUMBRIA INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

NECS555

### **Description**

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) are working for, and on behalf of, NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the Contracting Authority), who are conducting a Request for Information (RFI) exercise in order to gain a better understanding of the capacity and appetite of the market to deliver Trauma Intervention and Bereavement Counselling Service for children, young people and young adults aged 4 - 35 years within the North East and North Cumbria areas:

It is anticipated that TUPE may apply to this service

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intention to adopt the competitive (Open Procedure) approach for any future procurements for this service. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Procurement Act 2023 Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt, both the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the new Provider Selection Regime (PSR). The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 do not apply to this service.

This Request for Information was previously published under the Provider Selection Regime (PSR) The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 Notice reference: 2024/S 000-034730. The Relevant Authority now considers that the draft specification for this service aligns to a CPV code which is not specified within the Provider Selection Regime.

Information about lots This contract is divided into lots: No

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For those Providers who have already responded to preliminary market engagement via the above and regardless of the switch of legislation remain interested in the service, there is no need to respond again, this is already captured.

For Providers who have already responded to preliminary market engagement via the above but because of switch of legislation are now no longer interested, please confirm that you wish to no longer participate in the RFI by either messaging via the Atamis e-tender portal and project related -NECS555 - Request for Information - Trauma Intervention and Bereavement Counselling Service for children, young people and young

adults aged 4 - 35 years for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board OR simply click "DECLINE" on the associated project.

For Providers who did not respond to Notice reference 2024/S 000-034730 because they believed that this RFI sat within PSR and now wish to participate - please follow the instructions in the paragraph below which begins " To register an interest in responding to this market engagement exercise....."

It is important to note that this PIN/RFI is not a call for competition and as such potential providers will need to express an interest in any future tender opportunity once a contract notice is published on Find and Tender Service and/ or on Contracts Finder, as applicable.

It should be noted that this PIN/RFI invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this RFI exercise only, and it is NOT part of any pre-qualification or selection process. This PIN/RFI is intended as an awareness, communication, and information gathering exercise. An expression of interest is no indication of a commitment to participate in the RFI process nor does it infer any preferential or special status on those individuals and organisations who express an interest.

To register an interest in responding to this market engagement exercise and obtain a copy of the Request for Information documentation please go to the e-tender portal:  
<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

and search for NECS555.

Please note that the deadline for RFI responses is

12 noon on Friday 07 March 2025.

Please note that all communications and RFI submissions will be conducted via the Atamis e-tender portal only.

It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should bidders have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal; they should contact the Atamis helpdesk via:

[Support-health@Atamis.co.uk](mailto:Support-health@Atamis.co.uk) or phone number 0800 098 8201

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 9am - 5.30pm

RFI documentation will be available on the e-tendering site from 28 February 2025.

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2028
- 3 years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

## **Contract locations**

- UKC - North East (England)

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

7 March 2025

### **Engagement process description**

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Contracting authority**

### **NHS NORTH EAST AND NORTH CUMBRIA INTEGRATED CARE BOARD**

- NHS Organisation Data Service: QHM
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMYZ-6944-BYLH

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