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## **NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB - Adult Autism Post-Diagnosis Support Service (AAPDSS) - Halton and Warrington Place**

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB)

F02: Contract notice

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

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

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Warrington

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKD - North West (England)

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

OYD

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

**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 Cheshire & Merseyside ICB - Adult Autism Post-Diagnosis Support Service (AAPDSS) - Halton and Warrington Place

Reference number

WHISP345

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (MLCSU) is acting as an agent on behalf of NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB) who are looking to undertake a Competitive Process for the provision of a Adult Autism Post Diagnosis Support Service (AAPDSS) covering

Halton and Warrington Places.

Where an adult is on the waiting list for an autism assessment and the autism assessment provider has been identified as needing support whilst waiting (and will struggle without support during the wait time) they may be referred to this service by the assessment provider.

The service will be accessed through referral only. Referrals will mainly be initiated by the adult autism assessment provider or via self-referral (or carer/family referring on behalf of individual as appropriate). Referrals can additionally be made by other service providers who work with adults with Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC).

The current service is due to end on Thursday 31st July 2025. It is the intention of the ICB to start commissioning one new contract from Friday 1st August 2025 for 3 years, with an option to extend

for a further 2 years.

This one contract will cover both Halton and Warrington places.

Any bid must not exceed the maximum financial envelope of £60,000 per annum per place (Halton Place - £60,000 and Warrington Place - £60,000).

Any bid that exceeds this criterion will be viewed as Non-Compliant and will take no further part in the procurement exercise.

The total financial envelope is £120,000 per annum for both places (£600,000 for 3 years with an option

to extend for 2 years), excl. VAT). The cost analysis will be based on the lowest total overall price submitted (for 3 years + 2 year optional extension).

The ITT will be live on Wednesday 26th February 2025 on the Atamis Portal. The deadline for submission will be Friday 28th March 2025 12:00pm mid day.

To express interest and participate in the Competitive Process, please register and apply via Atamis e-sourcing portal <https://healthfamily.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Should Tenderers have any queries, or have problems using the portal, they should contact the Helpdesk at:

Phone: 0800 9956035

E-mail: [support-health@atamis.co.uk](mailto:support-health@atamis.co.uk)

The Atamis contract reference is C336385 - 'C&M ICB Adult Autism Post-Diagnosis Support Service - Warrington and Halton Feb 2025'.

The questionnaires will be located within the requirements. Further details will be made available via documentation and information released during the tender process.

The ICB has set an affordability threshold for each place. Bidders who submit a bid over the maximum contract values for each place will not achieve the score of a pass. The cost analysis will be based on the lowest total overall price submitted (for 3 years + 2 year optional extension).

The competitive tendering process to which this ITT relates to and further to which the Authority intends to purchase the Services as set out in regulation 11 of the provider selection regime 2023 for the award of a contract with a competition.

This ITT has been made available to all Bidders who have expressed a potential interest in delivering this service in line with the requirements which fall under Regulation 11 for

the award of a

contract with a competition, and Schedule 1 of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. As such, the competitive tendering of these Services is being run as a

bespoke, single-stage tender process as described in the documentation in this ITT, and in the Find a Tender contract notice advertisement.

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

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD6 - Cheshire
- UKD7 - Merseyside

Main site or place of performance

Halton and Warrington

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

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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

The competitive tendering process to which this ITT relates to and further to which the Authority intends to purchase the Services is the Healthcare Services Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Regulations as set out in regulation 11 for the award of a contract with a competition.

This ITT has been made available to all Bidders who have expressed a potential interest in delivering this service in line with the requirements which fall under Regulation 11 for the award of a contract with a competition, and Schedule 1 of the

Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. As such, the competitive tendering of these Services is being run as a bespoke, single-stage tender process as described in the documentation in this ITT, and in the Find a Tender contract notice advertisement.

The Authority reserves the right to make changes to the process as it sees necessary whilst adhering to those sections of the Provider Selection Regime regulations which lay out the principles for the competitive tendering process. The Authority will ensure that Bidders are made aware, in reasonable time, of any changes it makes to the process. All changes will be communicated through the Procurement portal messaging system, Atamis.

**Right to Cancel:** The Contracting Authority reserves the right to discontinue the Competitive Process at any time, which shall include the right not to award a contract or contracts, and does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender, or any tender received, and reserves the right to award a contract in part, or to call for new tenders should it consider this necessary.

The Contracting Authority shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any candidate or tenderer in connection with the completion and return of the information requested in this Contract Notice, or in the completion or submission of any tender, irrespective of the outcome of the competition or if the competition is cancelled or postponed.

All dates, time periods and values specified in this notice are provisional and the

Contracting Authority reserves the right to change these.

Transparency: The Contracting Authority is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004(EIR) and may be required to disclose information received in the course of this procurement under FOIA or the EIR.

In addition, and in accordance with the UK Government's policies on transparency, the contracting authority intends to publish documentation and the text of any resulting contractual arrangements, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the Contracting Authority.

Any redactions, whether in relation to information requests under FOIA, the EIR or policies on transparency will be in accordance with those grounds prescribed under the Freedom of Information Act. If and when this requirement is offered to tender, this will be done via electronic means using the internet.

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

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

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents



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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

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

Date

28 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

28 March 2025

Local time

12:01pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Opportunity Notice. The subsequent awarding of this contract will be 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 Opportunity Notice

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

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

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board

Warrington

Country

United Kingdom