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## **NHSE839 General Dental Access & Urgent Dental Care - North East and North Cumbria**

NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**10 April 2024, 12:00pm**

See the [change notice](#).

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

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

NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB

North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board Pemberton House Colima Avenue

Sunderland

SR5 3XB

#### **Email**

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

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC - North East (England)

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**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 another address:

NECS

John Snow House Durham University Science Park,

Durham

DH1 3YG

**Email**

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

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC - North East (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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Buyer's address

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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**

NHSE839 General Dental Access & Urgent Dental Care - North East and North Cumbria

Reference number

NHSE839

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

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

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

Services

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

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB (the Relevant Authority), who are undertaking a competition to commission General Dental Access service and Urgent Dental Care services across the North East and North Cumbria.

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

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 - Durham Central North

Lot No

1

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

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

Main site or place of performance

Durham Central North

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

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- Lot 11 - Cockermouth

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The closing date for submission of competition response is by 12:00 noon 08 April 2024.

### **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: £499,960

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

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

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 - Durham Central South

Lot No

2

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

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

Main site or place of performance

Durham Central South

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

Value excluding VAT: £499,600

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 - Sunderland North

Lot No

3

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

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

Main site or place of performance

Sunderland North

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

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

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

Value excluding VAT: £647,500

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

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

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4 - Sunderland South

Lot No

4

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

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

Main site or place of performance

Sunderland South

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

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

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

Value excluding VAT: £647,500

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 5 - Darlington

Lot No

5

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

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

Main site or place of performance

Darlington



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

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

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

Value excluding VAT: £518,000

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

- Lot 6 - Berwick Town North

Lot No

6

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

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

Main site or place of performance

Berwick Town North

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

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

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

Duration in months

120

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Yes

Description of renewals

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

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

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 7 - Berwick Town South

Lot No

7

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- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

Main site or place of performance

Berwick Town South

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 8 - Carlisle

Lot No

8

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

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Carlisle

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The closing date for submission of competition response is by 12:00 noon 08 April 2024.

### **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: £1,332,000

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

## Description of renewals

The contract is for 7 years, with effect from 01 January 2025, with the option to extend for a further 3 years, subject to satisfactory financial and contractual performance and at the discretion of the Relevant Authority.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

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

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 9 - Workington

Lot No

9

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

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Workington

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

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- Lot 4 - Sunderland South ( no urgent care)

- Lot 5 - Darlington
- Lot 6 - Berwick Town North
- Lot 7 - Berwick Town South
- Lot 8 - Carlisle
- Lot 9 - Workington
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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

Value excluding VAT: £740,000

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is for 7 years, with effect from 01 January 2025, with the option to extend for a further 3 years, subject to satisfactory financial and contractual performance and at the

discretion of the Relevant Authority.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

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

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 10 - Copeland

Lot No

10

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

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Copeland

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

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,184,000

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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



Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

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

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 11 - Cockermouth

Lot No

11

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

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Cockermouth

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

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

Value excluding VAT: £934,900

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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

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

Options: No

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

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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: Yes

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

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

Originally published as:

Date

8 April 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

10 April 2024

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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

English

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

Date

8 April 2024

Local time

3:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Independent patient choice and procurement panel

London

Country

United Kingdom