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Tender

Tier 3 Weight Management Services NHS/SOEPS/19.574.2 PINCC

NHS West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS East Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts
Prior information notice with call for competition
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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS East Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group

Sackville House, Brooks Close

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BN7 2FZ

Email

aelilott1@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/soepscommissioning.aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/soepscommissioning.aspx/Home>

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

Tier 3 Weight Management Services NHS/SOEPS/19.574.2 PINCC

Reference number

NHS/SOEPS/19.574.2 PINCC

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This notice is to inform the market of the intention of the Authority to direct award contracts to TBC Healthcare Ltd, and Sussex Medical Chambers Ltd for up to a period of 22 months. The contract would start from 1 June 2022.

The COVID pandemic, with the consequent need to focus resource on managing repeated waves and subsequent, ongoing recovery and restoration priorities have caused a delay in re-commissioning Tier 3 Bariatric services across Sussex, which we had

intended to undertake during the 20/21 financial year. We now anticipate undertaking a procurement in the early part of 22/23 and preparation for this is underway.

Tier 3 weight management service provision aims to:

- To provide an alternative to surgical intervention
- To prepare patients adequately if a surgical intervention is required
- To improve health outcomes in severely obese patients
- To provide a maintenance plan for patients who are exiting the service

To provide a service for patients who meet the referral criteria

- To improve health outcomes in severely obese patients
- To reduce the health burden of obesity

In order to ensure that there is no break in service availability for current patients, many of whom would have only recently commenced lengthy pathways, we intend to renew the current Tier 3 weight management contracts in East Sussex (High Weald Lewes & Havens) and West Sussex CCG (for North West and Mid Sussex) with TBC Healthcare Ltd for 22 months, and in West Sussex CCG (for Coastal West Sussex) with Sussex Medical Chambers Ltd, also for 22 months. Where these contracts are superseded by contracts arising from the planned procurement, they will be terminated early in accordance with the contractual terms and conditions and in the best interests of patients.

If no expressions of interest are received, the Authority shall enter into a contract with the incumbent providers to ensure continuity of services, relying upon a Regulation 32 exemption of no response/no requests to participate have been submitted in response to this notice.

If you wish to express an interest or should you wish to discuss the content of this PIN further, please make contact by sending a portal message via the Intend e-Tendering portal in the first instance by 12pm (midday) on Thursday 21st April 2022.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,882,237

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Main site or place of performance

East and West Sussex CCG areas.

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 or the framework agreement

Duration in months

22

II.2.14) Additional information

Contract values are as follows:

The Bariatric Consultancy:

East Sussex CCG (old HLWH CCG area) = £227,490

West Sussex CCG (for North West and Mid Sussex) = £823,405

Sussex Medical Chambers Ltd:

West Sussex CCG (for Coastal West Sussex) = £831,342.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

21 April 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures

22 April 2022

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please note: NHS England and Improvement have announced that the Sussex Health and Care Partnership, which is made up of all health and care organisations across East Sussex, West Sussex, and Brighton and Hove, has successfully met the criteria to become an Integrated Care System (ICS). An ICS is a way of working across health and care organisations that allows them to work closer together, to take collective responsibility of the health and wellbeing of populations across large areas.

It is not anticipated that the statutory responsibility or accountability of the individual health and care organisations working as an ICS will be affected, save for the expectation that CCG organisations will be abolished and functions transferred to the ICS. As a result of these intended healthcare reforms, the Contracting Authorities, currently NHS West Sussex CCG, NHS Brighton and Hove CCG and NHS East Sussex CCG, may change during the life of the contract.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS South of England Procurement Services

Sackville House, Brooks Close

Lewes

BN7 2FZ

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Refer to South of England Procurement Services to trigger the review process. This process can be further escalated to NHS Improvement or High Court of England and Wales.