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Tender

## **Procurement for the provision of specialised surgical services: Gender Dysphoria Masculinising Genital Pathway to NHS England, NHS Scotland and NHS Wales**

NHS England (National)

NHS Scotland

NHS Wales

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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Buyer's address

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

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UKM - Scotland

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS Wales

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**Country**

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**NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

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Main address

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

The contract involves joint procurement

In the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law

England

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/scwcsu.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/scwcsu.aspx/Home>

## **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**

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Reference number

WA11507

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

NHS England and NHS Scotland seek bids from providers who have the capability and capacity to deliver Gender Dysphoria Surgical Services. Services being procured are and Genital surgery (trans masculine).

The Services will be available to individuals eligible for NHS-funded care who are ordinarily resident in England, Scotland or Wales - or otherwise who are the commissioning responsibility of the NHS in England, Scotland or Wales - and who meet the eligibility criteria described in the Service Specification. Successful Bidders will hold a single contract with NHS England for services provided to eligible patients who are the commissioning responsibility of NHS England, NHS Scotland and NHS Wales.

The NHS pathway of care for adults with gender dysphoria will differ according to the

individual's goals. The envisaged adult pathway may typically be summarised as:

- Referral to a specialist Gender Dysphoria Clinic
- Assessment for gender dysphoria, and diagnosis
- Individuals who meet the criteria for diagnosis of gender dysphoria are accepted on to the NHS care pathway and an individual treatment plan is agreed between the individual and their lead clinician in the Gender Dysphoria Clinic
- Certain therapeutic interventions are delivered by the Gender Dysphoria Clinic; and / or referral for interventions with other providers; which may include recommendations to primary care for prescribing endocrine treatments
- Gender Dysphoria Clinic makes a referral for surgical interventions of the chest and genitals if criteria are met via a planned National Referral Support Service
- Ongoing review and monitoring during and after interventions
- Conclusion of contact: discharge to primary care

Contracts will be for an initial term of 5 years with a possible extension of any period up to a further 2 years as defined and at the discretion of the Commissioner.

The approach for improving the surgical market is focused on establishing a flexible contract that facilitates patient choice based on a consideration of reliable data including new quality indicators. No volumes are guaranteed on the award of a contract. Contracts will be awarded to all providers who meet the minimum standard criteria

This tendering process will consist of two stages: (1) Stage 1 will entail Providers expressing their interest and providing evidence of their capability and capacity in relation to the service requirements. The aim of this shortlisting stage is predominantly to test the capability and capacity of potential providers for this specialist service; (2) Stage 2 will either be: (a) for providers who already hold a NHSEI Gender Dysphoria Surgical Contract an assurance process assessing their capability to deliver the surgical element of the female to male pathway; or (b) for providers who do not hold a NHSEI Gender Dysphoria Surgical Contract an assurance process assessing all aspects of surgical delivery and ongoing care for Gender Dysphoria patients. The Assurance Process will be a collaborative and flexible, evidence based approach to securing the delivery of the services. Evidence will be considered by subject matter experts and assessed against critical success factors and expected minimum standards".

This procurement is being carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioners.

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

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales
- UKM - Scotland

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procurement system In-Tend, available on the following link: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu/asp/Home>

In order to submit a bid, you will need to be registered on the e-procurement system and 'express an interest', and then complete a response as specified within the procurement documents.

On registration, please include at least two contacts to allow for access to the system in times of absence.

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but is instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

The tendering process will be conducted in accordance with the requirements and flexibilities provided by Articles 74 to 76 of the Directive, and Regulations 74 to 76 of the Regulations. The Authority will run a transparent tender process, treating all Bidders equally. For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority will not be bound by the Regulations or the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union or any other regulations or legislation except for the specific parts or circumstances that apply to the procurement of these Services.

Neither the inclusion of a Bidder selection stage, nor the use of any language or terms found in the Directive or Regulations, nor the description of the procedure voluntarily adopted by the Authority ("Open", "Restricted", "Competitive Procedure with Negotiation", "Competitive Dialogue" or any other description), nor any other indication, shall be taken to mean that the Authority intends to hold itself bound by the Directive or Regulations, save by the provisions applicable to services coming within the scope of Annex XIV of the Directive / Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

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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

Criteria is detailed within the tender documentation



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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

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

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

Date

28 April 2021

Local time

12:00pm

#### **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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The Contracting Authority intends to voluntarily observe the award decision notices provisions and 10 day standstill period described in Regulation 86 of the Regulations. Unsuccessful Bidders will receive scores and reasons for the decision, including the characteristics and relative advantages of the winning bid and the reasons why the Bidder/application was unsuccessful. Deadline for lodging of appeals should be in accordance with Regulation 87 and Regulation 91 of the Regulations