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## **NHS Gloucestershire ICB Centre of Dental Excellence and Dental Access Centre**

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F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-007800

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e942

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

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

NHS Gloucestershire ICB

Gloucestershire

#### **Email**

[Scwcsu.procurement@nhs.net](mailto:Scwcsu.procurement@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

#### **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.england.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 the above-mentioned address

### **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 Gloucestershire ICB Centre of Dental Excellence and Dental Access Centre

Reference number

C343177

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to inform the market of NHS Gloucestershire Integrated Care Boards (ICB) (the Commissioner's), intention to commission dental access as part of a Centre of Dental Excellence and a Dental Access centre. The Commissioner would like to understand the level of provider interest in delivering these services.

Fundamentally this opportunity seeks to increase access to NHS dentistry in a part of the county where deprivation is greatest by working in partnership to commission 2 new bespoke primary care facilities in fit for purpose environments, incorporating flexible commissioning and workforce training.

A key aim of this opportunity is to provide NHS dental access in a Core 20 area. This will provide much needed dental care to a cohort of patients who struggle disproportionately with oral pain and disease, which negatively affects their health and wellbeing.

1) Name the Commissioner(s) NHS Gloucestershire ICB is seeking to secure a Prime Provider(s) who has the capability and capacity to deliver primary care dental services, in line with the specified requirements."

2) Number of Lots/ geography covered

There are likely to be two dental PDS contracts. Two separate Lots with a value of £1.2m per Lot. This will be to provide dental access for patients residing in Gloucestershire to treat new, complex and high needs patients and contributing to improving the oral health of the population.

3) Contract duration and start date

The contract term is planned to commence during 2025/26 and it is anticipated that each PDS contract will be for a period of 10 years.

4) Any particular nuances for a particular lot that should be highlighted

In partnership with other anchor organisations, the ICB has identified two potential Gloucester City centre sites, one for the Centre of Dental Excellence and the other for the Dental Access Centre. Providers will be expected to lease these sites for a term which mirrors the length of the contract.

A Heads of Terms will be developed in advance of commissioning a service provider which sets out the expected terms and conditions between the owner of the building and the service provider/s. At both sites it is anticipated that the service provider/s would fund the fit out of the accommodation. The service provider would be expected to fund associated, recurrent revenue costs, for example servicing and maintenance.

There is an expectation that the provider is or becomes a postgraduate training practice and hosts foundation dentists/dental therapists and mentors international dentists.

#### 5) Whether or not TUPE is likely to apply

TUPE will not be applicable for this procurement process.

NHS Gloucestershire ICB will be hosting market engagement events with the aim to gain valuable feedback from prospective providers. These are planned to be hosted on MS Teams for the 19th March 2025 18:30-19:30 and 20th March 2025 13:00-14:00, both events will cover the same agenda and content. Interested providers will be able to view the opportunity and access the tender documentation via the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-procurement system, Atamis, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome> (Contract ref: C343177). There will be a limit of 3 representatives per provider. Closing date for registering will be midday Monday 17th March 2025 .

The procurement is anticipated to be published during the Spring/Summer 2025

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

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

Value excluding VAT: £24,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot No

1

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

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

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## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot No

2

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

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**II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

15 May 2025

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

This notice is an information gathering exercise rather than a call for competition in its own right, and therefore publication or response does not commit the Authority or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest. The Authority will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise.

Interested providers will be able to view this opportunity via the live opportunities list on the 'Health Family' e-procurement system, Atamis. Click on 'View our Live Opportunities' from the home page, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page.

If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before being able to submit your expression of interest (EOI) using the correspondence function within Atamis. When submitting an EOI please include the following information:

- Which market engagement event you are interested in attending (19th March 2025 18:30-19:30 OR 20th March 2025 13:00-14:00)
- Organisation
- Name
- Title
- Email
- Phone number

There will be a limit of 3 representatives per provider. Closing date for registering will be by midday Monday 17th March 2025.

Please confirm your submission using the placeholder provider within Atamis.

The intention is to award a contract using the competitive process.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) prior information notice. The contract is 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.