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Planning

Market Engagement for Commercial Strategy for Urgent Care PPs

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.proactisplaza.com/BuyerPortal/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.proactisplaza.com/BuyerPortal/>

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Market Engagement for Commercial Strategy for Urgent Care PPs

Reference number

DN1341

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85143000 - Ambulance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS) are undertaking a full commercial review to reset its commercial strategy for delivering sustainable private provider Urgent Care as an extension of in-house Urgent Care.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85143000 - Ambulance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

SCAS provides urgent care to more than four million people across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, and Oxfordshire. To achieve 999 operational performance, and response time standards, the Trust relies partly on the use of commercial 'Private Provider' resources to support its own in-house capacity.

The requirement to use external resources is continuing to grow as demand increases. The spend on the Private Providers for the previous four years has been approximately £15 million per annum, for the forthcoming year from 1st April 2022, the spend is forecasted at £30 million.

SCAS, as lead Contracting Authority, is seeking via this Prior Information Notice (PIN) to engage with the market with previous, current, and potentially new Private Providers by understanding the market. By understanding the market to establish the strategy for the next five-year period.

SCAS's requirements for the Commercial Strategy for Urgent Care PPs is to successfully fulfil project objectives and complete the project as intended throughout the Trust.

The objectives are as follows:

1. A full commercial review of all aspects pertaining to Urgent Care provision undertaken by Private Providers, including but not limited to:

- The cost of delivery - from staff to vehicles to premises and clinical compliance.
- The 'company model' in terms of the structure, methodology, market sustainability and employment contracts.
- Scalability.
- Internal training and development
- Contract length.
- Adding value to the NHS in terms of other services provided such as NEPTS, training for NHS staff.

2. Developing a more effective and constantly improving supplier relationship model in line with the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply.

3. The output of an effective rolling Commercial Strategy that works with the market to meet the ever-changing needs of the NHS.

The current Private Providers are issued with a 12-month contract from 31st March – 1st April. SCAS has been issuing the same contract for 4 years with very little or no input from the Private Providers.

The current model of tendering for the Urgent Care via Private Providers is not fully meeting the Trust requirements. The recommendation, therefore, is to engage with the market and drive the required change that is essential to meet the Trust needs effectively.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 May 2022

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: Yes