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## **Qualitative and quantitative academic research: Independent Review of children and adolescent gender identity development services**

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-008342

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-029499

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

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

NHS England

Quarry House

Leeds

LS2 7UE

#### **Contact**

Russell Greenwood

#### **Email**

[russell.greenwood@nhs.net](mailto:russell.greenwood@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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

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

<http://health.atamis.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://health.atamis.co.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<http://health.atamis.co.uk>

**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**

Qualitative and quantitative academic research: Independent Review of children and adolescent gender identity development services

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

Lot 1A participative, primarily qualitative research project with the principle aim to understand the full range of outcomes for young people with gender dysphoria, seeking to capture their perspectives on their journey, and their views on how services could and should be delivered in the future. Lot 2A broad-based literature review including an interface with the gathered evidence from the professional community.

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

Value excluding VAT: £650,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

NHS England and Improvement recently announced an independent review into children and adolescent gender identity development services (for under 17s) which is commissioned by NHS England's specialised commissioning directorate - (ToR of review

- [https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/GIDS\\_independent\\_review\\_ToR.pdf](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/GIDS_independent_review_ToR.pdf)). This review requires extensive, expert led research and engagement in order to successfully make recommendations to inform the future shape of gender identity development services for children and young people. A key principle of the review is that it must be participative, evidence based and incorporate lived experience in order to formulate conclusions and recommendations that will command the confidence of stakeholders. The research streams outlined in this specification have been designed to achieve these ends. Specifically, the outputs required are to achieve the best available collation of published evidence, and qualitative and quantitative research that can feasibly be produced within the timeframe of the review. Recognising that the published evidence is unlikely to be of high enough quality to form the sole basis for the recommendations of the review, a process is needed for synthesising the published evidence and research outputs of the academic team(s) with stakeholder submissions and expert opinion. This will involve a consensus development approach, using Delphi or other appropriate tools, and we would anticipate that the research team(s) would be integral to this important stage of the review. The review will report to NHS England's Commissioning Committee and a project assurance group, Chaired by Dr Cass has been set up to oversee the work. The project assurance group will assist the Chair in ensuring the process and conduct of review is appropriate, fit for purpose and that decisions are transparent. The assurance group does not contain subject matter experts or service users and their role is strictly the governance of the review process, not to inform outcome. The group includes ethics, legal, and research expertise, plus experience in CYP advocacy, and CYP participation.

#### **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: £650,000

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

Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for six (6) months

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-003377](#)

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

Date

20 May 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

20 May 2021

Local time

5:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

The High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Email

[generaloffice@administrativecourtoffice.justice.gov.uk](mailto:generaloffice@administrativecourtoffice.justice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

NHS England

Quarry House

Leeds

LS2 7UE

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

NHS England

Quarry House

Leeds

LS2 7UE

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United Kingdom

Internet address

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