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Opportunity

National British Sign Language (BSL) IAPT

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

Quarry House

Leeds

LS2 7UE

Contact

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

National British Sign Language (BSL) IAPT

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) programme began in 2008 and has transformed the treatment of adult anxiety disorders and depression in England. IAPT is widely-recognised as the most ambitious programme of talking therapies in the world and in the past year alone more than one million people accessed IAPT services for help to overcome their depression and anxiety, and better manage their mental health. Plans set out in the NHS Long Term Plan build on the ambitions of the Five Year Forward View for Mental Health. The NHS Mental Health Implementation Plan 2019/20 – 2023/24 provides a new framework to ensure delivery, at the local level, on the commitment to pursue the most ambitious transformation of mental health care in England. To further improve access to services, NHS England intends to centrally commission a service that uses British Sign Language to deliver psychological therapies to Deaf adults (18 years and over)

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Five-Year Forward View for Mental Health (FYFVMH, Oct 2016) and the Long Term Plan (LTP, 2019) emphasise the ability of IAPT services to provide support for people with depression and anxiety disorders that can be managed effectively in a uni-professional context. IAPT services remain a key focus of the LTP in delivering the improved outcomes aspired to by linking mental health and physical health. The LTP sets out a commitment to expanding IAPT services with a view to increasing access to psychological therapies for an additional 390,000 people with common mental health problems which means that by 2023/24 1.9 million people nationally each year will access treatment via IAPT services. As IAPT services expand there has been a need identified to increase access for people who are Deaf and use BSL. Commissioning BSL services at a local level can be difficult due to the relatively small numbers of BSL users in each locality. Therefore, central funding has been identified to pilot a national BSL IAPT offer. Deaf people are currently believed to be vastly underrepresented in IAPT services. They face a number of barriers including misdiagnosis and availability of appropriate communication aids. There are two main options for Deaf people reliant on BSL for accessing therapy via IAPT: accessing their local service through the use of a trained BSL interpreter or by accessing therapy from a trained IAPT clinician who uses BSL themselves. Aim of the service The National BSL IAPT Service is required to meet three overarching criteria: 1. To provide IAPT compliant therapies in BSL 2. To provide national coverage and accessibility 3. To build the BSL-speaking IAPT workforce

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: £5,000,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Options of two 12 month extensions

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

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

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: [2020/S 015-030942](#)

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

Date

26 May 2021

Local time

5:00pm

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

27 May 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

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United Kingdom

Internet address

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

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

As per PCR a 10 day standstill period will be observed.

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

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