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Planning

Children's Integrated Therapy and Equipment Service Market Engagement (ref 22.843)

NHS East Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/soepscommissioning/asp/Home>

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

Children's Integrated Therapy and Equipment Service Market Engagement (ref 22.843)

Reference number

22.843

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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The Children's Integrated Therapy Service (CITS) brings together the health and local authority provision across the therapy services of Speech and Language, Occupational and Physiotherapy AND the assessment, prescription and supply of relevant equipment.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £22,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85120000 - Medical practice and related services
- 85141000 - Services provided by medical personnel
- 85142100 - Physiotherapy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Main site or place of performance

Within the boundaries of the County of East Sussex.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The fundamental aims of integrating the commissioning of children's therapy services and equipment is to remove duplication and inefficiencies, promote equality of access and increase value for money, with the resulting service improvements for children, young people, parents and carers.

The Children's Integrated Therapy and Equipment Service's will ensure that all children and young people known to the service achieve their best possible developmental potential, physical and emotional health and well-being both in childhood and through transition into adulthood.

The Children's Integrated Therapy and Equipment Service has a key role to play in the services for children with SEN and Disability and is required to contribute to the SEND Reforms of the Children and Families Act 2014.

The Objectives of the service are to:

Provide a timely, accessible therapy service that is responsive to the needs of children, young people that are referred to the service and their families

- Offer multi-agency and inter-agency working to enable therapy objectives to be effectively integrated into the child's everyday life. This includes training for other staff to enhance their skills and support to therapy programmes.
- Provide training to parents and carers to improve their ability to support the ongoing needs of their child/children
- Maintain a quality service through investment in continuing professional development, supervision and support to all team members.
- Contribute to multidisciplinary assessment of children and young people on neurodevelopmental pathways
- Prescribe, order store refurbish and distribute equipment. Maintain appropriate management control of process in respect of predicted equipment demand, alert commissioners to unforeseen demand
- Contribute to the 5 outcomes as co-produced and agreed by East Sussex leaders from

health, education and social care, parents and young people:

1. My voice is heard and acted upon (Participation)
 2. My optimum health and wellbeing are supported (Physical and mental health)
 3. I feel confident and secure (Safety and security)
 4. I belong and feel valued for who I am - Inclusion and belonging (Provision)
 5. I am supported to develop and achieve my goals (Progress and achievement)
- Ensure the provision is actively working to address Equality and Diversity by developing & implementing plans to engage areas of deprivation and hard to reach communities in East Sussex.

The envisaged contract period will be 3 years with the option of the Authority to extend for up to a further 2 years.

The value of the contract is £4-£4.5m a year (a total value of up to £20-£22.5m where the option to extend is taken).

Please note: NHS England and Improvement have announced that the Sussex Health and Care Partnership, which is made up of all health and care organisations across East Sussex, West Sussex, and Brighton and Hove, has successfully met the criteria to become an Integrated Care System (ICS). An ICS is a way of working across health and care organisations that allows them to work closer together, to take collective responsibility of the health and wellbeing of populations across large areas.

It is not anticipated that the statutory responsibility or accountability of the individual health and care organisations working as an ICS will be affected, save for the expectation that CCG organisations will be abolished and functions transferred to the ICS. As a result of these intended healthcare reforms, the Contracting Authority(s) currently NHS East Sussex CCG, may change during the life of the contract.

II.2.14) Additional information

Instructions for Registering on the SoEPS Commissioning Support In-tend e-Tendering Portal

1. Browse to the SoEPS Commissioning portal <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/soepscommissioning>

2. Click the "Register" link on the left-hand side of the page.

3. Enter your correct business and user details.
4. Note the email address and password chosen and Click "Register My Company" when complete.
5. Login to the portal with the username/password.
6. You will be prompted to change your password on first login.
7. Hover your mouse over the "Tenders" button on the main toolbar and choose the relevant option:
8. Click on the "View Details" button for relevant opportunity to access the content, clicking "Express an Interest" where required to do so.
9. Click the relevant procurement as required then click the "Opt-In" at the bottom of the page to start building your submission. This will move the project over to your "My Tenders" page. (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only).
10. Note the deadline for completion and follow the on screen instructions to complete the RFI, accessing any attached documents as required.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

16 June 2022