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Planning

Environmental Control Equipment for Patients with Complex Disability (All Ages)

NHS England

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044ced

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

London

SE1

Email

scwcsu.procurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI - London

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/south-east/>

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Environmental Control Equipment for Patients with Complex Disability (All Ages)

Reference number

C254201

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 Commissioner would like to understand the level of provider interest in delivering these services.

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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: £1,361,130

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The service aims:

- To provide relevant Environmental Control (EC) equipment to adults and children with complex physical disabilities, due to variety of medical conditions, in order to improve their independence, quality of life, safety and participation.
- To participate with the provision of other EAT such as communication aids, powered wheelchair controls and other equipment of daily living, where this is appropriate.
- To collaborate with other clinical services and social agencies to optimise patient's wellbeing.
- To ensure that patients and carers are well informed on the use of the equipment that has been loaned to them.
- To adapt equipment provision to meet the changing needs of the patient.
- To provide the service in an independent, unbiased, cost effective and accountable way.
- To ensure all staff within the service are trained to an adequate and relevant level of competency, including awareness of technological developments
- To promote the development and application of EC and other relevant EAT products.
- To promote equitable provision of service across the population and diagnostic groups, developing and maintaining a care pathway for referral and provision in conjunction with local community services
- To support primary and secondary care staff by offering them specialist professional advice and training.
- To collaborate with national initiatives to develop and improve service provision.

The objectives of the service are to:

- Undertake assessment of individual patient's EC needs by professionals with relevant competencies, working within or alongside the service. This should include

recommendations on equipment solutions and referral to other agencies as appropriate.

- Maintain access to a loan bank of appropriate EC equipment for assessment, trial and long term loan to patients.
- Provide as appropriate, a broad range of equipment as required to meet an individual patient's independence goals.
- Support patient's use of EC equipment by regularly reviewing them and their equipment requirements so as to meet changing needs and enable them to maintain a reasonable degree of independence.
- Ensure all equipment provided is maintained in a satisfactory state and checked in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations.
- Health and social care professionals working in areas where service uptake is low are targeted and encouraged to refer those who could benefit from equitable equipment provision.

The service is expected to cover Kent and Medway, South East London and Sussex

The total contract value is currently expected to be £1,361,130 (based on 2023/24 values). All figures are subject to change.

The contract will be for an initial 30-month period, with the option to extend for a further 24 months (2 x 12 month extensions). A 6-month notice period will be in place.

Providers who are interested in delivering these services are asked to express their interest and provide evidence of their capability and capacity in relation to the service requirements through a Market Engagement Questionnaire by no later than 12 Noon on 17th April 2024.

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

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 May 2024

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

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), to gain full access to the relevant information and market engagement questionnaire, 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 gaining full access to the documentation and to be able to submit your expression of interest / market engagement questionnaire using the correspondence function within Atamis

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intended approach notice and 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 to this notice.