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# Secure Data Environment Network Market Engagement

NHS England

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

## I.1) Name and addresses

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#### Country

**United Kingdom** 

#### Region code

UK - United Kingdom

### Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

# I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from 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

https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome

## I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

### I.5) Main activity

Health

# **Section II: Object**

# II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Secure Data Environment Network Market Engagement

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

#### Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

NHS England wish to conduct market engagement with relevant industry providers in relation to the delivery of the Secure Data Environment (SDE) Network envisaged by the Data for Research & Development (R&D) programme.

Secure Data Environments are data storage, access, and analysis platforms, which facilitate high standards of privacy and security of NHS health and social care data when used for research and analysis.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

### II.2) Description

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

- 72300000 Data services
- 72000000 IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 73200000 Research and development consultancy services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

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

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Our vision is to have an ecosystem of heterogenous, inter-operable SDE's built on open-

standards and open-code (as far as possible), such that vendors and industry providers are encouraged to compete on cost and capability in supporting the creation of a world-leading research service. NHS England wishes to engage with industry on how they can respond to this challenge for the benefit of the NHS and the country.

As a future strand of this engagement, the programme would like to explore cost-effective procurement options in the case that multiple SDEs select the same provider to provide a particular capability/service.

NHS England would like to hear from technology vendors, service providers and systems integrators who have expertise (or an interest) in supplying capability to SDEs, and/or contributing to an open-source project for a framework for NHS SDEs.

All industry providers are invited to attend an initial briefing call via MS Teams with NHS England SDE programme leads on Friday 21st April at 13.30 to 14:15.

Following the briefing call, NHS England will host an in-person/virtual engagement session with industry providers, on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 (time and venue TBC).

Action: To receive an invite for the briefing call and engagement session, please register your interest via <a href="https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome">https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome</a> by 17.00 18th April 2023.

An agenda will also be provided for both the 21st of April 2023 and 2nd of May 2023 after registration.

NHSE will provide copies of the briefing slides for any supplier unable to attend upon request, via the Health Family Atamis Portal to receive a copy.

Following the briefing call and engagement session, there will be a continued period of engagement for providers to help shape the delivery approach and procurement strategy for the SDE network and Subnational SDE Programme.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

This is not a full procurement exercise and NHS E does not in any way commit itself to conducting one now or in the future. This information does not, and will not, form any part of any subsequent contract between the NHS England and any future provider. NHS England may go out to procurement for the Services in the future.

# II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

4 April 2023

# 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

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.3) Additional information

Please note that whether you participate in this exercise or not, it will not have any bearing on you being part of any future procurement exercise or additional market testing, should the NHS England decide to pursue it. This is Without Prejudice to any future procurement opportunities with NHS England.