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## **NHSE563 - Special Care Dental Services - Lancashire and South Cumbria - Request for Information**

Preston Business Centre

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02af14

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

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

Preston Business Centre

Watling Street Road

Preston

PR2 8DY

#### **Email**

[necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKD4 - Lancashire

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/north-west/contact-us/>

Buyer's address

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

## **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/nhsnecsu/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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

NHSE563 - Special Care Dental Services - Lancashire and South Cumbria - Request for Information

Reference number

NHSE563

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

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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

Services

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

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is working for and on behalf of NHS England and NHS Improvement - North West (the Contracting Authority), who are conducting a Request for Information (RFI) exercise in order to gain a better understanding of the capacity and appetite of the market to deliver Special Care Dental Services across South Cumbria.

The commissioner is proposing a contract term of 20 months and the anticipated contract value would be £1.875k, as at 21/22 prices.

The aim of the service is to provide a comprehensive and relevant specialist led dental service for children and adults whose dental needs cannot be met within general dental practice.

It is important to note that this PIN/RFI is not a call for competition and as such potential providers will need to express an interest in any future tender opportunity once a contract notice is published on Find and Tender Service and on Contracts Finder.

It should be noted that this PIN/RFI invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this RFI exercise only, and it is NOT a pre-qualification questionnaire, and is NOT part of any pre-qualification or selection process. This PIN/RFI is intended as an awareness, communication, and information gathering exercise. An expression of interest is no indication of a commitment to participate in the RFI process nor does it infer any preferential or special status on those individuals and organisations who express an interest in the RFI exercise.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering portal (In-Tend) to manage this RFI and as such interested individuals and organisations will need to register on the portal to access and complete the RFI questionnaire.

It is free to register on the portal, which can be accessed at any time of day.

Should you have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal, you should contact the eTendering provider by Email: [support@in-tend.com](mailto:support@in-tend.com) or by phone 0844 2728810 Website: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/nhsnecsu.aspx/Home>

Helpdesk Support is available (Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5.00pm).

Potential providers are to note that the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of

Employment) Regulations 2006 (as amended) may apply to a future procurement including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

All completed RFI responses must be returned by 12:00 noon on 01 June 2021.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

Main site or place of performance

Lancashire and South Cumbria

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

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

1 August 2021

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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