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Planning

Patient Transport Service

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board

NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

2nd Floor Preston Business Centre Watling Street Road Fulwood

Preston

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Email

mlcsu.tendersnorth@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD41 - Blackburn with Darwen

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.icb.nhs.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board

Regatta Place Summers Road Brunswick Business Park

Liverpool

L3 4BL

Email

mlcsu.tendersnorth@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD6 - Cheshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board

4TH FLOOR 3 Piccadilly Place

Manchester

M1 3BN

Email

mlcsu.tendersnorth@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD33 - Manchester

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gmintegratedcare.org.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gmintegratedcare.org.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Voreda Portland Place

Penrith

CA11 7BF

Email

mlcsu.tendersnorth@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD1 - Cumbria

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

In the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law

English Law

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

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Patient Transport Service

Reference number

WHISP-145

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Midlands and Lancashire CSU is working with NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB); NHS Greater Manchester ICB; NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB; and NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB who are looking to undertake a future procurement for the provision of Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services (NEPTS) to cover Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Cheshire, Merseyside and Cumbria.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £472,000,000

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

North West of England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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- Planned Patient Transport – for routine outpatient appointments
- Unplanned Patient Transport - for discharges / short notice bookings
- Enhanced Priority Service Transport - for time critical transport for patients attending for haemodialysis or oncology treatments

The ICBs plan to divide the geographical footprint into LOTs based on either existing County or ICB areas. When the Invitation to Tender is published, bidders will be invited to bid for one, more or all of the LOTs available.

The ICBs are inviting any organisation who would wish to bid for the service to a virtual bidder engagement meeting to discuss the requirements of the service and answer any questions that any potential bidder may have. The engagement meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 25th April 2023.

The draft specification will be made available to participants in the engagement meetings. All questions and answers will be recorded and shared with any participating organisation.

If you wish to participate in the engagement meetings, please e-mail mlcsu.tendersnorth@nhs.net to arrange attendance and receive further details. The deadline for requesting attendance is 12pm on Friday 21st April 2023.

The potential contract will be valued at approximately £59 million per year across all the ICB areas; and the contract duration will be for 5 years with the potential to extend for a further period of 2 or 3 years (to be confirmed).

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

6 June 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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This procurement is for Social and other specific services which are Light Touch Regime services for the purpose of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations

(‘Regulations’) <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/102/schedule/3/made>

Accordingly, the Contracting Authority is only bound by those parts of the Regulations detailed in Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regime Section 7

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/102/part/2/chapter/3/made>

The Contracting Authority is not voluntarily following any other part of the Regulations.

As the ICB is a relevant body for the purpose of the National Health Service (Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition) (No 2) Regulations 2013 these Regulations also apply to this procurement.

Right to Cancel: The Contracting Authority reserves the right to discontinue the procurement process at any time, which shall include the right not to award a contract or contracts, and does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender, or any tender received, and reserves the right to award a contract in part, or to call for new tenders should it consider this necessary.

The Contracting Authority shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any candidate or tenderer in connection with the completion and return of the information requested in this Contract Notice, or in the completion or submission of any tender, irrespective of the outcome of the competition or if the competition is cancelled or postponed.

All dates, time periods and values specified in this notice are provisional and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change these.

Transparency: The Contracting Authority is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and may be required to disclose information received in the course of this procurement under FOIA or the EIR.

In addition, and in accordance with the UK Government's policies on transparency, the contracting authority intends to publish procurement documentation and the text of any resulting contractual arrangements, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the Contracting Authority.

Any redactions, whether in relation to information requests under FOIA, the EIR or policies on transparency will be in accordance with those grounds prescribed under the Freedom of Information Act. If and when this requirement is offered to tender, this will be done via electronic means using the internet. Midlands and Lancashire CSU is conducting this procurement exercise as a central purchasing body for another NHS body with whom the successful bidder(s) will enter into contracts for the supply of the services.

Any other public-sector body detailed within this notice, wishing to access the contract may do so only with permission from the contracting NHS body.

Further details will be made available via documentation and information released during the tender process.