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## **Clinical Assessment Service (CAS) - Overnight Provision**

NHS HAMPSHIRE, SOUTHAMPTON AND ISLE OF WIGHT CCG

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice with call for competition

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

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

NHS HAMPSHIRE, SOUTHAMPTON AND ISLE OF WIGHT CCG

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**Region code**

UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's 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>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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**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**

Clinical Assessment Service (CAS) - Overnight Provision

Reference number

F14087

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

It is the Contracting Authorities preference to enter into a contract with Partnering Health Limited for the reasons detailed below.

The proposed contract is for a period of 4 years commencing 1st June 2022 with the option to extend for a further 1+1 years periods. An EOI form needs to be submitted by the 26th May 12 noon 2022 in order to officially express an interest, please note EOI's will be open as and when received. , it should be noted that the proposed contract contains an exit mechanism after 12 months which will be enacted in order to deliver a competition process in accordance with Public Contracts Regulations 2015, for a new contract to commence for service delivery from 1st June 2023 for a period of three years with the option to extend for a further 2 x 1 year periods.

If however, there are expressions of interest received to deliver the requirements by 12 noon on the 26th May 2022, the Authority intends to enter into a contract with the above-named provider/s relying upon a Regulation 32 exemption of no response/no requests to participate have been submitted in response to this notice.

If you wish to express an interest or should you wish to discuss the content of this PIN further, please contact South of England Procurement Services via the Intend e-Tendering portal.

Please login to the In-tend portal to access the full explanation and see in description below and justification for the contracting authorities intention to award for its registered

population a contract for the provision of an overnight Clinical Assessment Service (CAS). This new contract will be awarded for a period of 4 years with the option to extend for a further 1+1 years while integration and service development takes place within the Local Delivery System. This contracting period will commence on June 1st 2022 and also aligns the service with the Hampshire and Surrey Heath Integrated Urgent Care Service.

The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) intention is to award to Partnering Health Limited (PHL) the CAS between the hours of 22:00 - 08:00. This decision supports the Portsmouth system infrastructure ensuring that expertise in delivering CAS provision overnight is retained within the system and economies of scale can be realised. Southern Hampshire Primary Care Alliance (SHPCA) will carry out the 08:00 - 22:00 CAS, please see separate notification of this.

Please note the contract value is for the full potential contract duration including the extension periods, 4 year initial period with option 1+1 year extension.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £7,800,000

#### **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

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

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

The current proposal is to award to Partnering Health Limited (PHL) the IUC CAS between the hours of 22:00 - 08:00 7 days a week 365 days per year for a period of 4 years with the option for a further 1+1 years from June 1st 2022.

This decision supports the development of general practice at scale, ensures integration with enhanced access, and takes the opportunity to invest in general practice sustainability today and transformation tomorrow making the service better for patients and health practitioners.

This decision further supports the Portsmouth system infrastructure, ensuring that expertise in delivering CAS provision overnight is retained within the local delivery system and economies of scale can be realised.

Utilising PHL overnight invests in our local workforce by supporting local GPs, which in turn supports local practices - Improves access to primary care and expands capacity, increasing the numbers of appointments available.

Local providers located and hosted in the locality in which they work in hours, supports the investment in our local workforce.

Aligning the contract duration with the HSH IUC service keeps future integration possible. It also allows future procurements to be conducted together providing greater flexibility in service provision and options for the system.

Continued local commissioning of the CAS allows the South Eastern local delivery system to respond faster to any system pressures.

The delivery of an IUC is a key component of the Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight CCG. A period of collaboration with existing system partners will help establish new system transformations and provide assurance in the most efficient model of provision for long-term commissioning arrangements.

Contracting with an existing at scale primary care provider from the Portsmouth and South Eastern Hampshire local delivery system allows for economies of scale to be realised, while retaining local knowledge. PHL is already a part of the HSH IUC contract and therefore retains both local knowledge as well as wider system knowledge.

Post pandemic demand and activity figures are uncertain. This uncertainty has implications for staffing provision and financial envelopes. It is felt that a competitive procurement under these circumstances presents an unnecessary risk for both providers and or commissioners.

Time constraints also provide a challenge for commissioners in terms of a procurement process however, assurances on continuity of service are needed to allow transformation and investment.

As an existing primary care provider in the PSEH locality as well as Hampshire as a whole, PHL have the infrastructure and the expertise in place to deliver this service at short notice.

The financial envelope of the interim contract arrangement is £7,800,000 or £1.3m per annum (a breakdown can be found in Appendix A). This financial envelope is based upon predicted activity figures.

Should opportunities arise for external sources of funding during the interim contract term (for example, to pilot new models of care, or integrated IT platforms), these may be pursued by commissioners and / or providers; however, the assumption is that commissioners and providers will be working to the stated financial envelope.

Please login to the in-tend portal project reference F14087 to access the Commissionin intentions paper for this service.

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £7,800,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

72

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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

1. Browse to the SoEPS Commissioning Support 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:

- "My Tenders" shows a list of the opportunities in which you have already expressed an interest or to which you have been invited
- "Awarded" shows a list of tenders awarded on the system (where these are were open to all)
- "Current" shows a list of all the advertised opportunities on the system (i.e. open to all) in
  - which you are able to express an interest
- "Forthcoming" shows a list of pipeline projects (including those in which providers can still express an interest - i.e. deadlines not yet reached)

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 to the procurement stage. 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 EOI, accessing any attached documents as required.

11. Any questions on specific opportunities should be directed through the portal messaging facility.

You must formally respond and upload the EOI form in order to express an interest by the closing date of 12 noon on 26th May 2022.

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest**

Date

26 May 2022

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English