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Contract

North Northamptonshire Council - Provision of Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) Products

North Northamptonshire Council

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Scope

Description

North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) is setting up a Framework of providers for the provision of Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) for use with clients engaged with North Northamptonshire Council's Stop Smoking Service for an initial period of 45 months.

North Northamptonshire stop smoking service includes a 12-week treatment plan incorporating NRT products, provided only to individuals aged 12 and above who are engaged in the stop smoking programme and receiving behavioural support

with regular contact from a stop smoking advisor.

The stop smoking service provides 12 weeks of support to local smokers and expects to work with 1,800 people per year in year one. This is expected to gradually increase to 3,000 people per year in five years.

Quitting smoking often requires multiple attempts, with stress and lack of supportive environments making the process more challenging. Local stop smoking services are up to three times more effective than unaided attempts or over the counter NRT.

Potential Suppliers are invited to tender for one or more of the LOTs.

- Lot 1 - Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) - Bulk Buy
- Lot 2 - Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) - Direct to Client

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Lot 1. NRT Bulk Buy

Description

The North Northamptonshire Stop Smoking Service is seeking to procure nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) to be included in the treatment plan for service users enrolled in the 12-week stop smoking programme. These NRT products will only be provided to service users who are registered with the North Northamptonshire stop smoking programme, actively participating in the programme for up to 12 weeks and receiving behavioural support from a Stop Smoking Advisor. NRT will only be dispensed to individuals aged 12 years and above.

The Council aims to procure a variety of NRT products, including, but not restricted to:

- Nicotine patches (16/24 hour)
- Nicotine gum
- Nicotine lozenges

- Nicotine mouth spray

The above products will be required in a range of strengths and flavours.

The total budget for both Lots 1 & 2 is £902,479. Please note: The spend will be allocated across the two lots depending on the outcome of the procurement process

Lot 2. NRT Direct-to-Client

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Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

31 March 2029

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

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Award method when using the framework

With competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

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Lots

Lot 1. NRT Bulk Buy

Lot 2. NRT Direct-to-Client

Supplier

- ASHTONS HOSPITAL PHARMACY SERVICES LIMITED

Contract value

- £902,479 excluding VAT
- £1,082,974.80 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

6 August 2025

Contract dates

- 6 August 2025 to 31 March 2029
- 3 years, 7 months, 26 days

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 33600000 - Pharmaceutical products
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKF25 - North Northamptonshire

Submission

Submission type

Tenders

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Supplier

ASHTONS HOSPITAL PHARMACY SERVICES LIMITED

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNXB-5768-TNGD

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

North Northamptonshire Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQCM-5634-HGCN

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Email: procurement@northnorthants.gov.uk

Region: UKF25 - North Northamptonshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government