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Planning

Market Engagement - School Aged Immunisation Services for the South West

NHS England

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

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Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

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

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Market Engagement - School Aged Immunisation Services for the South West

Reference number

C161888

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice and relates to a virtual pre-procurement market engagement / briefing event on 4th May 2023 15:00-16:30.

NHS England (NHSE) South West invites expressions of interest (EOI) from suitably qualified and experienced providers, to provide School Aged Immunisation Services within

Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW), Somerset, Cornwall and Gloucestershire.

The virtual event is intended to give potential providers a briefing on the service, requirements, opportunity, procurement portal and timelines etc.

To register your interest you will need to access the project space opportunity on Atamis (details below). Once you have done this, you will need to send a message via the portal confirming the attendee details for the event, to enable the invitation to be sent.

Attendee details:

Name

Job Title

Email

Phone Number

The procurement is expected to will be split into 4 lots, as detailed below:

- Lot 1 Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW),
- Lot 2 Somerset
- Lot 3 Cornwall
- Lot 4 Gloucestershire

The annual block contract value across all lots is currently expected to be £2,648,091. At higher uptake levels contract values are currently estimated to be £3,052,513. All figures subject to change.

The contract will be for an initial 5 year term, with the option to extend for a further 2 years.

This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice in order to determine market interest levels and relates only to pre-procurement market engagement. Providers who express interest at this stage are not bound to participate in any future procurement exercise.

This exercise is being managed by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £21,367,589

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1- Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW), Swindon, Wiltshire (BSW)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire
- UKK14 - Swindon
- UKK15 - Wiltshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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NHS England (NHSE) South West invites expressions of interest (EOI) from suitably qualified and experienced providers, to provide School Aged Immunisation Services within Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW)

Lot 1- Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) has an expected annual block contract value of £936,804.00.

The financial model for the contract will be based on a block plus variable element. The variable payment will be made for additional activity delivered over and above the agreed activity plan set for block and at an enhanced tariff for routine immunisations (currently HPV, MenACWY and Td/IPV) and at a marginal tariff for seasonal influenza. All programme activity will be monitored as part of the contract review meeting process and to enable variable payment.

At higher uptake levels this contract has a potential estimated contract value for BSW of £1,080,939

Programme background

Immunisation is one of the most successful and cost-effective health protection interventions. High immunisation rates are key to preventing the spread of infectious disease, complications and possible early death among individuals and to protecting the population's health.

School Aged Immunisation programmes provide vaccinations to all children and young people of school age, whether they attend state school, independent school, complex needs schools or alternative settings. Children and young people that are educated at home can attend community clinics or their local school to receive the vaccines. Vaccinations are provided, on behalf of the NHS, in line with the National Childhood Immunisation Programme which aims to prevent school aged children from developing vaccine preventable childhood diseases that are associated with significant mortality and morbidity.

The programmes currently in scope are:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and poliomyelitis (Td/IPV adolescent booster);
- Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY);
- Human papillomavirus (HPV);
- Seasonal influenza (flu) immunisation programmes for school aged children (the cohort is expected to expand in future years); and
- Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) catch-up.

This scope may be extended in future to include additional programmes as advised/recommended by the Joint Committee of Vaccinations and Immunisations and/or at the request of the Commissioner.

Aim and Objectives:

The aim of the service will be achieved by delivering safe and effective, evidence-based, population-wide immunisation programmes. The service offer will incorporate the following features:

- a planned and co-ordinated programme of timely delivery with strong local leadership focussed on maximising coverage and uptake
- identification of, and full offer to, the whole eligible population, with repeated offers until school leaving age as required to achieve maximum coverage
- delivery in a way which addresses local health inequalities, tailoring and targeting interventions when necessary
- the service will be delivered in a culturally sensitive way to meet the needs of local diverse populations

- safe and effective delivery by suitably trained, competent healthcare professionals with effective use of skill mix to achieve efficiency and value for money
- accurate and timely recording, collation and reporting of vaccinations both for individuals and at population level
- a programme of promotion activities to encourage vaccine uptake. This will include collaborating with and supporting NHS England and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) in any campaigns or activities they undertake
- there is an expectation that the contract holder(s) for all lots will work with public health nursing and other children's services across the geography/ies to maximise collaboration and opportunities for an integrated service offer and delivery.

The provider will work with the commissioner to implement the recommendations of the national immunisation strategy (publication imminent) which are expected to recommend continuing to build innovative and integrated services linking with wider models of vaccination delivery at system level.

BSW School Aged population

In scope are those children eligible for the programmes identified within the national service specification, within the school-aged population in BSW.

The adolescent programme is predominantly delivered within the secondary schools.

The Seasonal Flu programme is predominantly delivered to primary school children, reception to year 6 (the cohort is expected to expand in future years).

The table below shows the numbers of schools and approximate children in schools by area:

System: BSW

Children (Reception to Year 11): 131,206

Primary Schools: 382

Secondary Schools: 72

Please note that these are approximate numbers at the date of publishing.

II.2.14) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Somerset

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice and relates to a virtual pre-procurement market engagement / briefing event on 4th May 2023 15:00-16:30.

NHS England (NHSE) South West invites expressions of interest (EOI) from suitably qualified and experienced providers, to provide School Aged Immunisation Services within Somerset.

Lot 2- Somerset has an expected annual block contract value of £532,347

The financial model for the contract will be based on a block plus variable element. The variable payment will be made for additional activity delivered over and above the agreed activity plan set for block and at an enhanced tariff for routine immunisations (currently HPV, MenACWY and Td/IPV) and at a marginal tariff for seasonal influenza. All programme activity will be monitored as part of the contract review meeting process and to enable variable payment.

At higher uptake levels this contract has a potential estimated contract value for Somerset of £613,943.

Programme background

Immunisation is one of the most successful and cost-effective health protection interventions. High immunisation rates are key to preventing the spread of infectious disease, complications and possible early death among individuals and to protecting the population's health.

School Aged Immunisation programmes provide vaccinations to all children and young people of school age, whether they attend state school, independent school, complex needs schools or alternative settings. Children and young people that are educated at home can attend community clinics or their local school to receive the vaccines. Vaccinations are provided, on behalf of the NHS, in line with the National Childhood Immunisation Programme which aims to prevent school aged children from developing vaccine preventable childhood diseases that are associated with significant mortality and morbidity.

The programmes currently in scope are:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and poliomyelitis (Td/IPV adolescent booster);
- Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY);
- Human papillomavirus (HPV);
- Seasonal influenza (flu) immunisation programmes for school aged children (the cohort is expected to expand in future years); and
- Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) catch-up.

This scope may be extended in future to include additional programmes as advised/recommended by the Joint Committee of Vaccinations and Immunisations and/or at the request of the Commissioner.

Aim and Objectives:

The aim of the service will be achieved by delivering safe and effective, evidence-based, population-wide immunisation programmes. The service offer will incorporate the following features:

- a planned and co-ordinated programme of timely delivery with strong local leadership focussed on maximising coverage and uptake
- identification of, and full offer to, the whole eligible population, with repeated offers until school leaving age as required to achieve maximum coverage

- delivery in a way which addresses local health inequalities, tailoring and targeting interventions when necessary
- the service will be delivered in a culturally sensitive way to meet the needs of local diverse populations
- safe and effective delivery by suitably trained, competent healthcare professionals with effective use of skill mix to achieve efficiency and value for money
- accurate and timely recording, collation and reporting of vaccinations both for individuals and at population level
- a programme of promotion activities to encourage vaccine uptake. This will include collaborating with and supporting NHS England and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) in any campaigns or activities they undertake
- there is an expectation that the contract holder(s) for all lots will work with public health nursing and other children's services across the geography/ies to maximise collaboration and opportunities for an integrated service offer and delivery.

The provider will work with the commissioner to implement the recommendations of the national immunisation strategy (publication imminent) which are expected to recommend continuing to build innovative and integrated services linking with wider models of vaccination delivery at system level.

Somerset School Aged population

In scope are those children eligible for the programmes identified within the national service specification, within the school-aged population in Somerset.

The adolescent programme is predominantly delivered within the secondary schools.

The Seasonal Flu programme is predominantly delivered to primary school children, reception to year 6 (the cohort is expected to expand in future years).

The table below shows the numbers of schools and approximate children in schools by area:

System: Somerset

Children (Reception to Year 11): 74,381

Primary schools: 259

Secondary schools: 38

Please note that these are approximate numbers at the date of publishing.

II.2.14) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - Cornwall

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice and relates to a virtual pre-procurement market engagement / briefing event on 4th May 2023 15:00-16:30.

NHS England (NHSE) South West invites expressions of interest (EOI) from suitably qualified and experienced providers, to provide School Aged Immunisation Services within Cornwall.

Lot 3 - Cornwall has an expected annual block contract value of £532,146.

The financial model for the contract will be based on a block plus variable element. The variable payment will be made for additional activity delivered over and above the agreed activity plan set for block and at an enhanced tariff for routine immunisations (currently HPV, MenACWY and Td/IPV) and at a marginal tariff for seasonal influenza. All

programme activity will be monitored as part of the contract review meeting process and to enable variable payment.

At higher uptake levels this contract has a potential estimated contract value for Cornwall of £611,154.

Programme background

Immunisation is one of the most successful and cost-effective health protection interventions. High immunisation rates are key to preventing the spread of infectious disease, complications and possible early death among individuals and to protecting the population's health.

School Aged Immunisation programmes provide vaccinations to all children and young people of school age, whether they attend state school, independent school, complex needs schools or alternative settings. Children and young people that are educated at home can attend community clinics or their local school to receive the vaccines. Vaccinations are provided, on behalf of the NHS, in line with the National Childhood Immunisation Programme which aims to prevent school aged children from developing vaccine preventable childhood diseases that are associated with significant mortality and morbidity.

The programmes currently in scope are:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and poliomyelitis (Td/IPV adolescent booster);
- Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY);
- Human papillomavirus (HPV);
- Seasonal influenza (flu) immunisation programmes for school aged children (the cohort is expected to expand in future years); and
- Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) catch-up.

This scope may be extended in future to include additional programmes as advised/recommended by the Joint Committee of Vaccinations and Immunisations and/or at the request of the Commissioner.

Aim and Objectives:

The aim of the service will be achieved by delivering safe and effective, evidence-based, population-wide immunisation programmes. The service offer will incorporate the following features:

- a planned and co-ordinated programme of timely delivery with strong local leadership focussed on maximising coverage and uptake
- identification of, and full offer to, the whole eligible population, with repeated offers until school leaving age as required to achieve maximum coverage
- delivery in a way which addresses local health inequalities, tailoring and targeting interventions when necessary
- the service will be delivered in a culturally sensitive way to meet the needs of local diverse populations
- safe and effective delivery by suitably trained, competent healthcare professionals with effective use of skill mix to achieve efficiency and value for money
- accurate and timely recording, collation and reporting of vaccinations both for individuals and at population level
- a programme of promotion activities to encourage vaccine uptake. This will include collaborating with and supporting NHS England and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) in any campaigns or activities they undertake
- there is an expectation that the contract holder(s) for all lots will work with public health nursing and other children's services across the geography/ies to maximise collaboration and opportunities for an integrated service offer and delivery.

The provider will work with the commissioner to implement the recommendations of the national immunisation strategy (publication imminent) which are expected to recommend continuing to build innovative and integrated services linking with wider models of vaccination delivery at system level.

Cornwall School Aged population

In scope are those children eligible for the programmes identified within the national service specification, within the school-aged population in Cornwall.

The adolescent programme is predominantly delivered within the secondary schools.

The Seasonal flu programme is predominantly delivered to primary school children, reception to year 6 (the cohort is expected to expand in future years).

The table below shows the numbers of schools and approximate children in schools by area:

System: Cornwall

Children (Reception to Year 11): 72,199

Primary schools: 245

Secondary schools: 42

Please note that these are approximate numbers at the date of publishing.

II.2.14) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 Gloucestershire

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice and relates to a virtual pre-procurement market engagement / briefing event on 4th May 2023 15:00-16:30.

NHS England (NHSE) South West invites expressions of interest (EOI) from suitably qualified and experienced providers, to provide School Aged Immunisation Services within Gloucestershire.

Lot 4 Gloucestershire has an expected annual block contract value of £646,794.

The financial model for the contract will be based on a block plus variable element. The variable payment will be made for additional activity delivered over and above the agreed activity plan set for block and at an enhanced tariff for routine immunisations (currently HPV, MenACWY and Td/IPV) and at a marginal tariff for seasonal influenza. All programme activity will be monitored as part of the contract review meeting process and to enable variable payment.

At higher uptake levels this contract has a potential estimated contract value for Gloucestershire of £746,476.

Programme background

Immunisation is one of the most successful and cost-effective health protection interventions. High immunisation rates are key to preventing the spread of infectious disease, complications and possible early death among individuals and to protecting the population's health.

School Aged Immunisation programmes provide vaccinations to all children and young people of school age, whether they attend state school, independent school, complex needs schools or alternative settings. Children and young people that are educated at home can attend community clinics or their local school to receive the vaccines. Vaccinations are provided, on behalf of the NHS, in line with the National Childhood Immunisation Programme which aims to prevent school aged children from developing vaccine preventable childhood diseases that are associated with significant mortality and morbidity.

The programmes currently in scope are:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and poliomyelitis (Td/IPV adolescent booster);
- Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY);
- Human papillomavirus (HPV);
- Seasonal influenza (flu) immunisation programmes for school aged children (the cohort is expected to expand in future years); and
- Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) catch-up.

This scope may be extended in future to include additional programmes as advised/recommended by the Joint Committee of Vaccinations and Immunisations and/or at the request of the Commissioner.

Aim and Objectives:

The aim of the service will be achieved by delivering safe and effective, evidence-based, population-wide immunisation programmes. The service offer will incorporate the following features:

- a planned and co-ordinated programme of timely delivery with strong local leadership focussed on maximising coverage and uptake
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- there is an expectation that the contract holder(s) for all lots will work with public health nursing and other children's services across the geography/ies to maximise collaboration and opportunities for an integrated service offer and delivery.

The provider will work with the commissioner to implement the recommendations of the national immunisation strategy (publication imminent) which are expected to recommend continuing to build innovative and integrated services linking with wider models of vaccination delivery at system level.

Gloucestershire School Aged population

In scope are those children eligible for the programmes identified within the national service specification, within the school-aged population in Gloucestershire.

The adolescent programme is predominantly delivered within the secondary schools.

The Seasonal Flu programme is predominantly delivered to primary school children, reception to year 6 (the cohort is expected to expand in future years).

The table below shows the numbers of schools and approximate children in schools by area:

System: Gloucestershire

Children (Reception to Year 11): 89,835

Primary schools: 279

Secondary schools: 67

Please note that these are approximate numbers at the date of publishing.

II.2.14) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

24 May 2023

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This notice is an information gathering exercise rather than a call for competition in its own right, and therefore publication or response does not commit the Authority or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest. The Authority will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise.

Interested providers will be able to view this opportunity via the live opportunities list on the 'Health Family' e-procurement system, Atamis. Click on 'View our Live Opportunities' from the home page, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the relevant information, you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page .

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

Any future tendering process will be conducted in accordance with the requirements and flexibilities provided by Articles 74 to 76 of the Directive, and Regulations 74 to 76 of the Regulations. The Authority will run a transparent tender process, treating all Bidders equally. For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority will not be bound by the Regulations or any other regulations or legislation except for the specific parts or circumstances that apply to the procurement of these Services.