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## **NHS England South East - Diabetic Eye Screening Programmes (DESP)**

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-042d4e

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

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

NHS England

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Reading

RG1 7EB

#### **Email**

[scwcsu.procurement@nhs.net](mailto:scwcsu.procurement@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

## **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

## **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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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**

NHS England South East - Diabetic Eye Screening Programmes (DESP)

Reference number

C253273

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

NHS England South East (NHSE) is seeking to commission a Provider(s) who have the capability and capacity to deliver Diabetic Eye Screening Programmes (DESP) across the South East region, in line with the specified requirements.

The procurement is divided into 5 lots within the South East as follows:

Lot 1: Kent and Medway (ICB Footprint)

Lot 2: Surrey Heartlands (ICB Footprint)

Lot 3: Hampshire and IOW (ICB Footprint)

Lot 4: Berkshire (Local Authority) and Frimley (ICB Footprint)

Lot 5: Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire (Local Authority Footprint)

Providers may bid for one or all Lots. The Contracts will be for a term of 5 years, with the option to extend by 3 years, and services are planned to commence from 1st April 2025.

The eligible population includes patients over the age of 12 diagnosed with diabetes and registered with, or eligible to be registered with a GP, as well as individuals within prisons,

secure units and the armed forces.

The aim of the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme is to reduce the risk of sight loss amongst people with diabetes by the prompt identification and effective treatment, if necessary, of sight threatening diabetic retinopathy.

This will be achieved by delivering an evidence-based service that:

- focus on improving uptake, reducing inequalities and improving outcomes
- is accessible across all service elements
- Is engaged, engaging and integrated, working effectively with service users and stakeholders to ensure seamless and high quality care
- safe, effective, high quality, with robust processes along the pathway
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- embeds a culture of quality, improvement and learning
- is well-led, managed and staffed

There are three key elements of service delivery, namely:

- routine digital screening - from 2025 and 2026 all eligible patients should be managed on 12 or 24 month intervals .
- Digital surveillance where more frequent screening of those individuals who may be at increased risk of developing diabetic retinopathy but have not reached the threshold to be referred into the Hospital Eye Services (HES), as required.
- Slit lamp bio-microscopy (SLB) for those individuals where normal photography is inappropriate (e.g. those having cataracts).

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) will be introduced into the programme across England in line with national guidance.

Further information on the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme is available at;

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/population-screening-programmes/diabetic-eye>

The projected total contract values are as follows:

Lot 1: Kent and Medway - £17,755,303

Lot 2: Surrey Heartlands - £8,084,825

Lot 3: Hampshire and IOW - £16,695,800

Lot 4: Berkshire and Frimley - £11,311,121

Lot 5: Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire - £9,927,015

TUPE is likely to apply to this procurement.

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

Interested providers will be able to view the opportunity and access the tender documentation via the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-procurement system, Atamis, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

Value excluding VAT: £63,774,064

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Kent and Medway

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

NHS England South East (NHSE) is seeking to commission a Provider(s) who have the capability and capacity to deliver Diabetic Eye Screening Programmes (DESP) across the South East region, in line with the specified requirements.

Providers may bid for one or all Lots. The Contracts will be for a term of 5 years, with the option to extend by 3 years, and services are planned to commence from 1st April 2025.

The procurement is divided into 5 lots. Lot 1 covers Kent and Medway and has an eligible population of around 124,000 people. Please refer to the lot data sheet included within the tender documents for more information.

The eligible population includes patients over the age of 12 diagnosed with diabetes and registered with, or eligible to be registered with a GP, as well as individuals within prisons, secure units and the armed forces.

The aim of the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme is to reduce the risk of sight loss amongst people with diabetes by the prompt identification and effective treatment, if necessary, of sight threatening diabetic retinopathy.

This will be achieved by delivering an evidence-based service that:

- Identifies the eligible population and ensures effective delivery with maximum coverage
- Is safe, effective, high quality, externally and independently monitored, and quality assured
- Leads to earlier detection, appropriate referral, effective treatment and improved outcomes
- Is delivered and supported by suitably trained, competent and qualified clinical and non-clinical staff who, where relevant, participate in recognised ongoing continuing medical education (CME), continuous professional development (CPD) and quality assurance (QA) schemes
- Has audit embedded in the service
- Works effectively with other stakeholders to ensure the care pathway is smooth and

efficient.

There are three key elements of service delivery, namely:

- Routine digital screening - from 2025 and 2026 all eligible patients should be managed on 12 or 24 month intervals for routine diabetic eye screening.
- Digital surveillance where more frequent screening of those individuals who may be at increased risk of developing diabetic retinopathy but have not reached the threshold to be referred into the Hospital Eye Services (HES), as required.
- Slit lamp bio-microscopy (SLB) for those individuals where normal photography is inappropriate (e.g. those having cataracts).

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) will be introduced into the programme across England in line with national guidance.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Value excluding VAT: £17,755,303

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Surrey Heartlands

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

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

NHS England South East (NHSE) is seeking to commission a Provider(s) who have the capability and capacity to deliver Diabetic Eye Screening Programmes (DESP) across the South East region, in line with the specified requirements., in line with the specified requirements.

The procurement is divided into 5 lots. Lot 2 covers Surrey Heartlands and has an eligible population of around 56,000 people. Please refer to the lot data sheet included within the tender documents for more information.

Providers may bid for one or all Lots. The Contracts will be for a term of 5 years, with the option to extend by 3 years, and services are planned to commence from 1st April 2025.

The eligible population includes patients over the age of 12 diagnosed with diabetes and registered with, or eligible to be registered with a GP, as well as individuals within prisons, secure units and the armed forces.

The aim of the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme is to reduce the risk of sight loss amongst people with diabetes by the prompt identification and effective treatment, if necessary, of sight threatening diabetic retinopathy.



This will be achieved by delivering an evidence-based service that:

- Identifies the eligible population and ensures effective delivery with maximum coverage
- Is safe, effective, high quality, externally and independently monitored, and quality assured
- Leads to earlier detection, appropriate referral, effective treatment and improved outcomes
- Is delivered and supported by suitably trained, competent and qualified clinical and non-clinical staff who, where relevant, participate in recognised ongoing continuing medical education (CME), continuous professional development (CPD) and quality assurance (QA) schemes
- Has audit embedded in the service
- Works effectively with other stakeholders to ensure the care pathway is smooth and efficient.

There are three key elements of service delivery, namely:

- Routine digital screening - from 2025 and 2026 all eligible patients should be managed on 12 or 24 month intervals for routine diabetic eye screening.
- Digital surveillance where more frequent screening of those individuals who may be at increased risk of developing diabetic retinopathy but have not reached the threshold to be referred into the Hospital Eye Services (HES), as required.
- Slit lamp bio-microscopy (SLB) for those individuals where normal photography is inappropriate (e.g. those having cataracts).

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) will be introduced into the programme across England in line with national guidance.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Value excluding VAT: £8,084,825

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

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

NHS England South East (NHSE) is seeking to commission a Provider(s) who have the capability and capacity to deliver Diabetic Eye Screening Programmes (DESP) across the

South East region, in line with the specified requirements., in line with the specified requirements.

The procurement is divided into 5 lots. Lot 3 covers the Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB area and has an eligible population of around 117,000 people Please refer to the lot data sheet included within the tender documents for more information.

Providers may bid for one or all Lots. The Contracts will be for a term of 5 years, with the option to extend by 3 years, and services are planned to commence from 1st April 2025.

The eligible population includes patients over the age of 12 diagnosed with diabetes and registered with, or eligible to be registered with a GP, as well as individuals within prisons, secure units and the armed forces.

The aim of the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme is to reduce the risk of sight loss amongst people with diabetes by the prompt identification and effective treatment, if necessary, of sight threatening diabetic retinopathy.

This will be achieved by delivering an evidence-based service that:

- Identifies the eligible population and ensures effective delivery with maximum coverage
- Is safe, effective, high quality, externally and independently monitored, and quality assured
- Leads to earlier detection, appropriate referral, effective treatment and improved outcomes
- Is delivered and supported by suitably trained, competent and qualified clinical and non-clinical staff who, where relevant, participate in recognised ongoing continuing medical education (CME), continuous professional development (CPD) and quality assurance (QA) schemes
- Has audit embedded in the service
- Works effectively with other stakeholders to ensure the care pathway is smooth and efficient.

There are three key elements of service delivery, namely:

- Routine digital screening - from 2025 and 2026 all eligible patients should be managed on 12 or 24 month intervals for routine diabetic eye screening.
- Digital surveillance where more frequent screening of those individuals who may be at increased risk of developing diabetic retinopathy but have not reached the threshold to be

referred into the Hospital Eye Services (HES), as required.

- Slit lamp bio-microscopy (SLB) for those individuals where normal photography is inappropriate (e.g. those having cataracts).

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) will be introduced into the programme across England in line with national guidance.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Value excluding VAT: £16,695,800

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Berkshire & Frimley

Lot No

4

**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

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

NHS England South East (NHSE) is seeking to commission a Provider(s) who have the capability and capacity to deliver Diabetic Eye Screening Programmes (DESP) across the South East region, in line with the specified requirements., in line with the specified requirements.

The procurement is divided into 5 lots. Lot 4 covers all of Berkshire and the the Frimley ICB area and has an eligible population of around 79,000. Please refer to the lot data sheet included within the tender documents for more information.

Providers may bid for one or all Lots. The Contracts will be for a term of 5 years, with the option to extend by 3 years, and services are planned to commence from 1st April 2025.

The eligible population includes patients over the age of 12 diagnosed with diabetes and registered with, or eligible to be registered with a GP, as well as individuals within prisons, secure units and the armed forces.

The aim of the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme is to reduce the risk of sight loss amongst people with diabetes by the prompt identification and effective treatment, if necessary, of sight threatening diabetic retinopathy.

This will be achieved by delivering an evidence-based service that:

- Identifies the eligible population and ensures effective delivery with maximum coverage
- Is safe, effective, high quality, externally and independently monitored, and quality assured
- Leads to earlier detection, appropriate referral, effective treatment and improved outcomes

- Is delivered and supported by suitably trained, competent and qualified clinical and non-clinical staff who, where relevant, participate in recognised ongoing continuing medical education (CME), continuous professional development (CPD) and quality assurance (QA) schemes
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- Works effectively with other stakeholders to ensure the care pathway is smooth and efficient.

There are three key elements of service delivery, namely:

- Routine digital screening - from 2025 and 2026 all eligible patients should be managed on 12 or 24 month intervals for routine diabetic eye screening.
- Digital surveillance where more frequent screening of those individuals who may be at increased risk of developing diabetic retinopathy but have not reached the threshold to be referred into the Hospital Eye Services (HES), as required.
- Slit lamp bio-microscopy (SLB) for those individuals where normal photography is inappropriate (e.g. those having cataracts).

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) will be introduced into the programme across England in line with national guidance.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Value excluding VAT: £11,311,121

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

No

## **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire

Lot No

5

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

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

NHS England South East (NHSE) is seeking to commission a Provider(s) who have the capability and capacity to deliver Diabetic Eye Screening Programmes (DESP) across the South East region, in line with the specified requirements., in line with the specified requirements.

The procurement is divided into 5 lots. Lot 5 covers the whole of Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire and has an eligible population of around 69,000 people. Please refer to the lot data sheet included within the tender documents for more information.

Providers may bid for one or all Lots. The Contracts will be for a term of 5 years, with the option to extend by 3 years, and services are planned to commence from 1st April 2025.

The eligible population includes patients over the age of 12 diagnosed with diabetes and

registered with, or eligible to be registered with a GP, as well as individuals within prisons, secure units and the armed forces.

The aim of the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme is to reduce the risk of sight loss amongst people with diabetes by the prompt identification and effective treatment, if necessary, of sight threatening diabetic retinopathy.

This will be achieved by delivering an evidence-based service that:

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- Routine digital screening - from 2025 and 2026 all eligible patients should be managed on 12 or 24 month intervals for routine diabetic eye screening.
- Digital surveillance where more frequent screening of those individuals who may be at increased risk of developing diabetic retinopathy but have not reached the threshold to be referred into the Hospital Eye Services (HES), as required.
- Slit lamp bio-microscopy (SLB) for those individuals where normal photography is inappropriate (e.g. those having cataracts).

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) will be introduced into the programme across England in line with national guidance.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Value excluding VAT: £9,927,015

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal



No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Details regarding the selection criteria are described within the ITT Bidder Instructions document. This includes details on the economic and financial standing tests that will be managed including the 'pass' score.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: (no more than 10,000 characters)

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### **Section IV. Procedure**

#### **IV.1) Description**

##### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

##### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-001342](#)

### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

5 June 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

5 June 2024

Local time

12:15pm

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

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 bid documentation (including questionnaires), you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page.

If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before gaining full access to the documentation and be able to submit a bid.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

NHS England

Reading

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Country

United Kingdom