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Forensics Advocacy Service

East London NHS foundation Trust

F01: Prior information notice

Call for competition

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04fc17

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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 electronically via

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

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Forensics Advocacy Service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Statutory advocacy is required when service users are legally entitled to an advocate. This applies to all inpatients in the Forensic Service and also too many community patients, due to them being subject to the Mental Health Act (1983). For this reason, an Independent Mental Health Act Advocate (IMHA) service is provided to patients of the ELFT Forensic Service by The Advocacy Project, which is commissioned by London Borough of Hackney

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £120,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85323000 - Community health services
- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Additional advocacy can be provided outside the above legal frameworks. This can be provided to all service users, whether or not the above legislation applies to them. Additional advocacy can be provided by a paid advocate or volunteer. Many providers of statutory advocacy are able to offer additional advocacy and have the relevant skills and experience to do so effectively.

Additional advocacy can be provided either on an individual or group basis, in order to support service users in being able to speak up for themselves. This could support longer-term advocacy support and help service users in speaking out in meetings, accompanied if needed, and writing letters to raise concerns and complaints.

East London NHS Foundation Trust wishes to sub-contract a provider to provide an additional Advocacy Service for the Forensic Directorate.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £120,000

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Preferred provider(s) shall be awarded a contract for 2 years + option of 1 x 12 months extension

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

7 April 2025

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intended approach 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

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