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Planning

Occupational Health with Needle Stick Injury Support services for NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB

NHS STAFFORDSHIRE AND STOKE-ON-TRENT INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Due to a technical error within the Atamis system, this notice has been extended to the 16th April 2025

Scope

Description

The Occupational Health and Needle stick Injury Support Service needs to be accessible to all staff working in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent NHS primary care services, including general practice, community pharmacy, dentistry and optometry services

Total value (estimated)

- £256,000 excluding VAT
- £256,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 1 February 2027
- Possible extension to 31 January 2029
- 3 years, 6 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85147000 - Company health services

Contract locations

- UKG2 - Shropshire and Staffordshire

Engagement

Engagement deadline

16 April 2025

Engagement process description

MLSCU is acting as an agent for NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB who are conducting this initial engagement exercise to establish potential interest to deliver an Occupational Health (OH) and Needle Stick Injury Service.

The Occupational Health and Needle stick Service needs to be accessible to all staff working in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent NHS primary care services, including general practice, community pharmacy, dentistry and optometry services

The service is currently delivered by a local provider; however, this contract is due to expire on 1st August 2025.

Full details of the service are set out in the Service Specification within Annex 1 - please see section II.2.14 regarding how to access this documentation. The service provider would be expected to have sufficient staff with competencies and skills in Occupational Health and to provide advice and support to those with needle stick injuries (including the provision of prophylactic management from needle stick injury)

The proposed contract duration is 18 months with the option to extend for a further 2-years with mutual consent. The new contract would aim to commence on 1st August 2025.

The proposed contract is a cost and volume contract with a current activity value is of approximately £80,000 per annum. The total contract value for the 18 month contract

period plus the optional 2-year extension period is expected to be approximately £256,000; this is for the Occupational Health Service and to support those with Needle Stick Injuries.

It is possible that TUPE may apply to the award of any new contract for the above service.

Potentially interested parties are invited to feedback their comments with regards to their interest, capacity, capability and readiness in delivering these services.

Commissioners wish to understand;

1 Organisation name

2 Organisation contact details

- Contact name

- Phone number

- Email address

- Postal Address

3 Please confirm your current organisational structure (VCSE, Public Sector, Private Venture) - please include/attach an organisational chart where possible.

4 Are you currently providing a Occupational Health Service including Needle Stick Injuries If you are a private provider, are you providing services under an NHS Contract with an NHS Commissioner or NHS Trust?

If so, please state which Commissioner / Trust your contract is with and provide contract start and end dates?"

5 Does your organisation have the capability, capacity and readiness to provide the service as per the draft service specification that is easily accessible from Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent? If so, please provide further details. (The draft Service Specification will be accessible in the 'Documents' section within the Atamis project C340355.) Please provide an overview of your area of expertise and previous experience of delivering Occupational Health including Needle Stick Injuries

6 Please share any comments or feedback that you may have on the draft service specification based on your experience.

7 Given the need for Needle Stick Injury support as part of the Occupational Health service provision required as per the draft specification, would your organisation consider providing

elements of this Service with a network of providers?

8 During working hours, the expectation is that an eligible worker at risk of a blood borne disease needs to be able to contact a triage hotline where they can receive urgent OH risk assessment at time of calling , outside of working hours this needs to then reviewed within a 48 hour triage. Please advise if you feel this is possible and how quickly your organisation can respond?

Providers will only be considered if they are able to provide Needle Stick Injury Support

Providers are requested to answer these questions within the Atamis requirements section when registering interest

(via <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome> ref C340355) by 12:00 hours on Wednesday 16th April 2025.

NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB is not bound to follow any particular procurement process at this stage. Responding to this EOI will not guarantee providers further involvement in any future process the ICB decides to follow.

Should this Early Engagement lead to a Procurement process, providers will be required to register interest for this separately and should not rely on their response to this PIN notice. The ICB has not determined which Procurement process to follow at this stage of Early Engagement.

The ICB welcomes feedback on the proposed specification for this service, but is not obliged to rely on provider information given in response to this request for expressions of interest.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

21 April 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

NHS STAFFORDSHIRE AND STOKE-ON-TRENT INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMRD-4914-TDDX

1 Staffordshire Place

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Region: UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

NHS MIDLANDS AND LANCASHIRE COMMISSIONING SUPPORT UNIT

Summary of their role in this procurement: Agent acting on behalf of Contracting Authority

- NHS Organisation Data Service: OCX
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGTM-4634-DGZQ

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Contact [NHS MIDLANDS AND LANCASHIRE COMMISSIONING SUPPORT UNIT](#) for any enquiries.