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Planning

Market Engagement for the Provision of NHS Practitioner Health (NHSPH)

NHS England and NHS Improvement

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/Documents/Folder/29993>

Additional information can be obtained from 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

Market Engagement for the Provision of NHS Practitioner Health (NHSPH)

Reference number

NHSPH/ME/2021

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKI - London
- UKH - East of England
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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NHSPH operates in a unique space where there is a crossover between the professional and regulatory environment in which a clinician or health professional works, and their mental health treatment needs. NHSPH expertise lies in managing the confidentiality associated with accessing health care, taking responsibility for the safety of the service user accessing NHSPH but also the professional and patient responsibilities and risks associated with a health professional's role. NHSPH's understanding and experience are in the mental health presentation of health professionals, especially where this is a high risk of suicide, and the specialist support they may require to return to safe, effective practice. More information about NHSPH, its objectives and how it operates can be found in the attachments and NHSPH's website: <https://www.practitionerhealth.nhs.uk/>

NHSPH will operate alongside local staff Mental health and wellbeing Hubs which will support the majority of health and social care staff mental health needs. A small number of healthcare professionals may require more complex support which cannot be met by the hubs; this is the purpose of NHSPH. More information about the hubs can be found in the attachments and NHS England's website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/supporting-our-nhs-people/support-now/staff-mental-health-and-wellbeing-hubs/>

NHSEI proposes to re-procure NHSPH as a single national contract for the following key reasons:

To ensure a nationally consistent offer to health and social care staff with complex mental health issues, and a single point of access for local Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs to refer into.

To ensure patient choice and the ability to be seen anywhere across England i.e., out of area services, due to not being able to access local services as a result of confidentiality issues e.g., staff who are likely to be well known by local services.

To maintain a good level of standards and good service quality, patient experience, and outcomes, which has been achieved through the central contracting approach.

To minimise any disruption to service users and ensure continuity of access to mental health services during the pandemic.

To avoid any potential cost pressures to commissioners which may be required to re-organise and transition to regionally based contracts.

To ensure consistency of service as a result of a single national commissioner, whilst the NHS goes through its commissioning transformation and reorganisation.

Our key objective from this soft market testing is to establish how the market has moved on and developed in this sector and the capability of interested parties to run the service across England. Organisations that express an interest should read all the supporting documentation prior to completing the Soft Market Testing Questionnaire, to ensure they understand the full scope of services required.

II.2.14) Additional information

Supporting Documents can be obtained once registered against the project:

- Service briefing Summary
- Service Specification

- Service liabilities & assets (Asset list, Property and potential TUPE implications)

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

22 June 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This market engagement is being facilitated via NHS Arden & Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit's EU Supply e-Tendering portal. To express an interest please use this link <https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=UK> and register against project reference: 44974 - NHSPH/ME/2021. The deadline for completed questionnaires is 5pm on Wednesday 6th July.

All organisations that express an interest will be invited to the Market Session once you have registered please use the portal's messaging service to provide details of the representatives for the presentation session.