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Tender

Prolonged grief therapy

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

1st Floor, Quarry House, Quarry Hill

Leeds

LS2 7UE

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.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

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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

Prolonged grief therapy

Reference number

C169365 - Prolonged Grief Therapy

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS England is seeking to commission specialist training for perinatal long term grief therapy based on evidence based approaches.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS England is seeking to commission specialist training for perinatal long term grief therapy based on evidence based approaches.

Most people find that having children can be a very positive experience, but the perinatal period (during pregnancy and the first 24 months after birth) can also be intensely stressful. Mental health issues are not uncommon during this time, whether they are new symptoms or the exacerbation of a pre-existing mental health condition/s.

Perinatal mental health issues can be brought on by many things, such as the experience of a traumatic pregnancy and childbirth, history of mental health problems or lack of support, and it can sometimes go under the radar because of feelings of shame, embarrassment and fear of the consequences. There is support available across the country from a range of services including NHS Talking Therapies for Anxiety and Depression, specialist perinatal mental health teams or, for the most severe illness, inpatient mother and baby units. To enable access to these services it is vital that early signs of mental health difficulties are recognised, especially by a midwife, health visitor or GP.

In the UK, estimates indicate that up to 27% of women develop a mental illness during pregnancy or within the first year after having a baby¹, with up to five per cent experiencing a serious psychiatric disorder, and, in some cases mental health problems that are experienced during this period can be the cause of maternal death².

Whilst some perinatal mental health issues are mild and transient, some are so severe and life threatening that they require immediate intervention and specialist treatment, which is usually accessed in specialist perinatal mental health services (through community services or inpatient mother and baby units).

NHS England is leading a programme of transformation to improve the care and support available to women who experience moderate to severe mental health during the perinatal period by enabling access to evidence-based specialist support.

As of March 2019, every NHS Integrated Care Systems (ICS) in the country has an operational specialist community perinatal mental health service for women experiencing moderate/severe complex mental health issues in the perinatal period. In 2019/20 they reported seeing over 30,000 women.

Whilst there has been significant progress in a short space of time to increase the provision of evidence-based specialist mental health care for women in the perinatal period, there is still further work to do. This is recognised in the NHS Long Term Plan (LTP) published in July 2019, in which NHS England commits to further increasing access to specialist perinatal mental health services. By 2023/24, at least 66,000 women with moderate severe/complex perinatal mental health difficulties

Further details and the tender documents can be downloaded from the link below:

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

Start date

31 July 2023

End date

31 March 2026

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.2.13) 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

Open 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 tenders or requests to participate

Date

21 June 2023

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

Tender must be valid until: 31 August 2023

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

21 June 2023

Local time

1:00pm

Place

NHS England

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS England

Quarry House, Quarry Hill

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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