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## **Community Outbreak Response Service**

NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

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United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKG39 - Wolverhampton

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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

**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**

Community Outbreak Response Service

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

- 85100000 - Health 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.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

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

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Diagnostic and treatment are a function of the ICB however there are gaps in the community in fulfilling these functions in the event of a communicable disease outbreak response, in particular diagnostics (i.e. swabs/blood), contact tracing and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP). This is a patient safety risk and creates inequalities due to potential delays in timely review and treatment and the potential to prolong outbreaks.

ICBs are required to have provisions in place to support effective, timely, outbreak response for the management of all communicable diseases in the community including education settings and asylum seeker accommodation. Under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, ICBs are identified as a Category 1 responders and therefore have statutory responsibilities, duties and powers which are significant in handling a communicable disease outbreak.

This service is intended to cover all patients registered with a Black Country Integrated Care Board (BCICB) GP, all contacts identified through contact tracing from the outbreak/incident and including education setting/ Asylum Seeker Accommodation

The market engagement event will be held on 24th May at 1.30pm via MS Teams. Organisations should express an interest by accessing the opportunity via the Atamis Health Family portal which can be accessed via this link: <https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome> and searching for opportunity number C282247. Please note that organisations who have not previously registered on the Atamis Health Family portal will need to do so before they can access the relevant documentation.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

10 May 2024

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## **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: No

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The Provider Selection Regime (PSR) applies to the services outlined in this notice. As such, the award of any contract that may transpire following completion of any market engagement will be subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 do not apply to this requirement.

In addition, the ICB will not be bound to proceed with any process described under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 as a result of this market engagement exercise, nor will it be bound to award any contract.