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Planning

Market Engagement - NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF)

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI)

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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://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu.aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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 - NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF)

Reference number

SCW/NHSSCWCSU/00001607/2017

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS COMMUNITY PHARMACY CONTRACTUAL FRAMEWORK

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) National Commercial and Procurement Hub are undertaking market engagement in relation to the digital requirements that will support the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF).

Technical toolkits have been developed in relation to the following CPCF services, with NHSEI seeking feedback from suppliers as to the viability of the toolkits building on the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) technical toolkit that has already been agreed and published. The exercise is designed to invite feedback and move towards the publication of these toolkits as a standard requirement for software suppliers supporting CPCF services that will include clear timescales for implementation.

This engagement activity is aligned with the development of the APIs for the above services to support remuneration and the sharing of data for service evaluation and commissioning purposes, which is being led by the NHS BSA.

Suppliers who wish to participate in this engagement exercise will require access to National Commercial and Procurement Hub's Intend portal page. Please register through the Intend e-procurement system (<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu.aspx/Home>) for further instructions.

The deadline for feedback is 5pm (BST) on 17 June 2022.

Feedback sessions for this Market Engagement, will aim to be undertaken week commencing the 20th June 2022.

If you require any further assistance, please contact commercial.procurementhub@nhs.net.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 72230000 - Custom software development services
- 72240000 - Systems analysis and programming services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

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

Main site or place of performance

England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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It continues to be the intention that in the future, pharmacy contractors will be mandated to use an appropriate IT system if providing the service.

The technical toolkits relate to:

- Discharge Medicines Service (DMS), which is an essential service for all pharmacies;
- New Medicine Service (NMS), which is being delivered by 90% of pharmacies;
- Blood Pressure Check Service, with over 6,900 pharmacies registered to deliver this service and an anticipated uplift on service delivery this over the 2022/23 financial year;
- Smoking Cessation Service (SCS), with 2,200 pharmacies registered within the first 2 months of the service, to provide the follow up support for patients recently discharged from hospital. All acute NHS Trusts in England are required to implement a smoking cessation service with access to discharge follow up by 31 March 2024;

An updated version of the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) technical toolkit is now available after being published on the NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) website.

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This process is being managed by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner(s).

II.2.14) Additional information

For the avoidance of doubt, this notice is an information gathering exercise rather than a call for competition in its own right, and therefore publication or response does not commit Commissioner(s) or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest.

Commissioner(s) will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise. Interested parties should note that a response to this notice does not guarantee an automatic invitation to any subsequent formal procurement, which the commissioners will consider in due course.

In-Tend: Interested providers will be able to view this engagement notice via the 'current tenders' list on the e-procurement system In-Tend, available on the following link: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu/asp/Home>

In order to submit a response, you will need to be registered on the e-procurement system and 'express an interest', further instructions will be provided in the documents.

On registration, please include at least two contacts to allow for access to the system in times of absence.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

27 May 2023

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