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Tender

NHS England - School Aged Immunisation Services in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW), Somerset, Cornwall, and Gloucestershire.

NHS England

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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18 July 2023 - no time specified

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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

NHS England - School Aged Immunisation Services in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW), Somerset, Cornwall, and Gloucestershire.

Reference number

C165527

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The NHS School Aged Immunisation (SAI) programmes cover vaccinations to all children and young people of school age, whether they attend state school, independent school, complex needs schools or alternative settings. Children and young people that are educated at home can attend community clinics or their local school to receive the vaccines.

NHS England Public Health Commissioning Teams are responsible for the commissioning of local SAI services under the Section 7a mandate in line with the national programme requirements and a national service specification.

NHS England South West is recommissioning the SAI Programme across the population of Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW), Somerset, Cornwall, and Gloucestershire. The current contract with the incumbent providers ends on the 31st July 2024, and the new contracts will commence on 1st August 2024, with a 5 year initial term and the option to extend for up to 2 further years.

Lot 1 - BSW

Lot 2 - Somerset

Lot 3 - Cornwall

Lot 4 - Gloucestershire

Immunisation is one of the most successful and cost- effective health protection interventions. High immunisation rates are key to preventing the spread of infectious disease, complications and possible early death among individuals and to protecting the population's health.

Vaccinations are provided, on behalf of the NHS, in line with the National Childhood Immunisation Programme which aims to prevent school aged children from developing vaccine preventable childhood diseases that are associated with significant mortality and morbidity

The programmes currently in scope are:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and poliomyelitis (Td/IPV adolescent booster);
- Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY);
- Human papillomavirus (HPV);
- Seasonal influenza (flu) immunisation programmes for school aged children (the cohort is expected to expand in future years); and
- Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) catch-up.

This scope may be extended in future to include additional programmes as advised/recommended by the Joint Committee of Vaccinations and Immunisations and/or at the request of the Commissioner.

Where the service specification is updated during the life of the contract, School Aged Immunisation services must maintain compliance with the service specification. As such, the Commissioner reserves the right to vary contracts to incorporate any future programme changes, subject to negotiation with the provider/s.

The aim and objectives of the service can be found later in the notice.

The provider will work with the commissioner to implement the recommendations of the national immunisation strategy (publication imminent) which is expected to include continuing to build innovative and integrated services, linking with wider models of vaccination delivery at system level.

This procurement is being carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioners. Interested providers will be able to view this notice on Atamis (<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>)

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £21,485,118

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1- Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) has an expected annual block contract value of £944,235.00

The financial model for the contract will be based on a block plus variable element. The variable payment will be made for additional activity delivered over and above the agreed activity plan set for block and at an enhanced tariff for routine immunisations (currently HPV, MenACWY and Td/IPV) and at a marginal tariff for seasonal influenza. All programme activity will be monitored as part of the contract review meeting process and to enable variable payment.

At higher uptake levels this contract has a potential estimated contract value for BSW of £1,089,810.00

The school-aged population is defined as:

- Children on the roll of any school physically located within the local education authorities of Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire
- All children resident in the area, who are not regularly attending any school
- Any children registered with a GP in the area, who are not regularly attending any school

The population does not include children normally attending schools in a neighbouring local education authority outside of the area.

BSW School Aged population

In scope are those children eligible for the programmes identified within the national service specification, within the school-aged population in BSW (as above).

The adolescent programme is predominantly delivered within the secondary schools.

The Seasonal Flu programme is predominantly delivered to primary school children, reception to year 6 (the cohort is expected to expand to secondary school children in future years as per JCVI guidelines).

The below shows the numbers of schools and approximate children in schools by area:

Children (Reception to Year 11): 131,206

Primary schools: 381

Secondary schools: 73

Please note that these are approximate numbers at the date of publishing and may include all-through schools double counted.

Further background information regarding the geography and population is provided within the ITT pack on Atamis.

TUPE is expected to apply for this lot.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £7,628,667

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Start date

1 August 2024

End date

31 July 2031

II.2.14) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations"), which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Somerset

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 850000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2- Somerset has an expected annual block contract value of £533,952.00

The financial model for the contract will be based on a block plus variable element. The variable payment will be made for additional activity delivered over and above the agreed activity plan set for block and at an enhanced tariff for routine immunisations (currently

HPV, MenACWY and Td/IPV) and at a marginal tariff for seasonal influenza. All programme activity will be monitored as part of the contract review meeting process and to enable variable payment.

At higher uptake levels this contract has a potential estimated contract value for Somerset of £615,852.00

The school-aged population is defined as:

- Children on the roll of any school physically located within the Somerset local education authority
- All children resident in the area, who are not regularly attending any school
- Any children registered with a GP in the area, who are not regularly attending any school

The population does not include children normally attending schools in a neighbouring local education authority outside of the area.

Somerset School Aged population

In scope are those children eligible for the programmes identified within the national service specification, within the school-aged population in Somerset.

The adolescent programme is predominantly delivered within the secondary schools.

The Seasonal Flu programme is predominantly delivered to primary school children, reception to year 6 (the cohort is expected to expand in future years).

The below shows the numbers of schools and approximate children in schools by area:

Children (Reception to Year 11): 74,381

Primary schools: 257

Secondary schools: 40

Please note that these are approximate numbers at the date of publishing and may include all-through schools double counted.

Further background information regarding the geography and population is provided within the ITT pack on Atamis.

TUPE is expected to apply for this lot.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £4,310,964

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Start date

1 August 2024

End date

31 July 2031

II.2.14) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations"), which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - Cornwall

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3 - Cornwall has an expected annual block contract value of £532,086.00

The financial model for the contract will be based on a block plus variable element. The

variable payment will be made for additional activity delivered over and above the agreed activity plan set for block and at an enhanced tariff for routine immunisations (currently HPV, MenACWY and Td/IPV) and at a marginal tariff for seasonal influenza. All programme activity will be monitored as part of the contract review meeting process and to enable variable payment.

At higher uptake levels this contract has a potential estimated contract value for Cornwall of £611,061.00

The school-aged population is defined as:

- Children on the roll of any school physically located within the Cornwall local education authority
- All children resident in the area, who are not regularly attending any school
- Any children registered with a GP in the area, who are not regularly attending any school

The population does not include children normally attending schools in a neighbouring local education authority outside of the area.

The population does not include children resident on the Isles of Scilly, where the GP practice ensures children are offered the full immunisation schedule.

Cornwall School Aged population

In scope are those children eligible for the programmes identified within the national service specification, within the school-aged population in Cornwall.

The adolescent programme is predominantly delivered within the secondary schools.

The Seasonal flu programme is predominantly delivered to primary school children, reception to year 6 (the cohort is expected to expand in future years).

The below shows the numbers of schools and approximate children in schools by area:

Children (Reception to Year 11): 72,199

Primary schools: 245

Secondary schools: 51

Please note that these are approximate numbers at the date of publishing and may include all-through schools double counted.

Further background information regarding the geography and population is provided within the ITT pack on Atamis.

TUPE is expected to apply for this lot.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £427,742,700

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Start date

1 August 2024

End date

31 July 2031

II.2.14) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations"), which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 - Gloucestershire

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 4 Gloucestershire has an expected annual block contract value of £652,005.00.

The financial model for the contract will be based on a block plus variable element. The variable payment will be made for additional activity delivered over and above the agreed activity plan set for block and at an enhanced tariff for routine immunisations (currently HPV, MenACWY and Td/IPV) and at a marginal tariff for seasonal influenza. All programme activity will be monitored as part of the contract review meeting process and to enable variable payment.

At higher uptake levels this contract has a potential estimated contract value for Gloucestershire of £752,580.00

The school-aged population is defined as:

- Children on the roll of any school physically located within the Gloucestershire local education authority
- All children resident in the area, who are not regularly attending any school
- Any children registered with a GP in the area, who are not regularly attending any school

The population does not include children normally attending schools in a neighbouring local education authority outside of the area.

Gloucestershire School Aged population

In scope are those children eligible for the programmes identified within the national service specification, within the school-aged population in Gloucestershire.

The adolescent programme is predominantly delivered within the secondary schools.

The Seasonal Flu programme is predominantly delivered to primary school children, reception to year 6 (the cohort is expected to expand in future years).

The below shows the numbers of schools and approximate children in schools by area:

Children (Reception to Year 11): 89,835

Primary schools: 279

Secondary schools: 67

Please note that these are approximate numbers at the date of publishing and may include all-through schools double counted.

Further background information regarding the geography and population is provided within the ITT pack on Atamis.

TUPE is expected to apply for this lot.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £5,268,060

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Start date

1 August 2024

End date

31 July 2031

II.2.14) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations"), which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

MEAT

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-011746](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Originally published as:

Date

11 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

18 July 2023

See the [change notice](#).

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Aim and Objectives:

The aim of the service is to deliver safe and effective, evidence-based, population-wide immunisation programmes. The service offer will incorporate the following features:

- a planned and co-ordinated programme of timely delivery, with strong local leadership focussed on maximising coverage and uptake.
- identification of, and full offer to, the whole eligible population, with repeated offers until school leaving age as required, to achieve maximum coverage.
- delivery in a way which addresses local health inequalities, tailoring and targeting interventions when necessary.
- the service will be delivered in a culturally sensitive way to meet the needs of local diverse populations.
- safe and effective delivery by suitably trained, competent healthcare professionals, with effective use of skill mix to achieve efficiency and value for money.
- accurate and timely recording, collation and reporting of vaccinations both for individuals and at population level.
- a programme of promotion activities to encourage vaccine uptake. This will include collaborating with and supporting NHS England and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) in any campaigns or activities they undertake.
- there is an expectation that the contract holder(s) for all lots will work with public health nursing and other children's services across the geographies to maximise collaboration and opportunities for an integrated service offer and delivery.

Interested providers will be able to view this opportunity via the live opportunities list on the 'Health Family' e-procurement system, Atamis. Click on 'View our Live Opportunities' from the home page, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the bid documentation (including questionnaires), you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page.

If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before gaining full access to the documentation and be able to submit a bid.

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

The tendering process will be conducted in accordance with the requirements and flexibilities provided by Articles 74 to 76 of the Directive, and Regulations 74 to 76 of the Regulations. The Authority will run a transparent tender process, treating all Bidders equally. For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority will not be bound by the Regulations or any other regulations or legislation except for the specific parts or circumstances that apply to the procurement of these Services.

Neither the inclusion of a Bidder selection stage, nor the use of any language or terms found in the Directive or Regulations, nor the description of the procedure voluntarily adopted by the Authority ("Open", "Restricted", "Competitive Procedure with Negotiation", "Competitive Dialogue" or any other description), nor any other indication, shall be taken to mean that the Authority intends to hold itself bound by the Directive or Regulations, save by the provisions applicable to services coming within the scope of Annex XIV of the Directive / Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

The Regulations provide that aggrieved parties are to take action in the High Court (England and Wales).

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court in London

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

As described in VI.3.