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## **Low Vision Aids**

NSS National Procurement

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

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

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Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Low Vision Aids

Reference number

NP69823

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

- 38624000 - Optical aids

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice is to alert interested suppliers of the commencement of a new procurement for Low Vision Aids to support the National Low Vision Service for Scotland. The framework agreement will be tendered in July 2022 and will cover the supply to multiple primary care locations within all geographical Health Board regions, including rural and island locations.

The Service will be implemented as a phased rollout over 4 years.

Although this list may be subject to change it is anticipated that the types of aid required will include, but not be restricted to:

UV filters, Hand-held, Pocket and Stand Magnifiers, Monoculars, Spectacle Mounted Kits, Task Lamps, Vision Charts, Electronic Magnifiers and Non-optical aids.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,500,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

General Low Vision Aids

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 38624000 - Optical aids

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The supply of a range of low vision aids.

A full list of the aids required will be provided within the tender documents but is expected that the supply of a wheeled carry case to support the secure transportation of a subset of aids necessary to conduct assessments within a domiciliary setting will also be required.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Low Vision Test Charts

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 38624000 - Optical aids

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

A full list of charts will be provided with the tender documents. While subject to change, it is anticipated that the following test charts will be required:

4M ETDRS LogMAR distance visual acuity chart, Bailey-Lovie NV chart, Pelli-Robson contrast sensitivity chart, McClure Reading test type, LogMAR Kay Picture test Linear crowded book.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Electronic/Digital Magnifiers

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 38624000 - Optical aids

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The supply of electronic/digital magnifiers.

The requirement for this Lot will be confirmed within the tender documents.

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

6 July 2022

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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: Yes

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

The Service that this framework is intended to support will be implemented as a phased roll out over 4 years covering all geographical areas of Scotland. Roll out is expected to be completed by the end of financial year 2026/27.

Once fully implemented it is anticipated that the service will be provided by approximately 350 accredited practitioners assessing circa 20,000 patients within all areas of Scotland, including the Highlands and Islands.

An indication of anticipated patient numbers for the first 4 years of the framework is provided below.

2023/24 8000 patient assessments

2024/25 13000 patient assessments

2025/26 18000 patient assessments

2026/27 20000 patient assessments

The estimated total contract value of 3.5 million GBP listed in Section II.1.5 would be the estimated total contract value for an initial 4 year term plus 2 x 12 month extensions.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=694516](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=694516).

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