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Planning

## **23.906 - Overnight Nursing Service - Brighton & Hove / RFI**

NHS Sussex ICB

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ - South East (England)

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QNX

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.scwcsu.nhs.uk/services/procurement>

**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

**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**

23.906 - Overnight Nursing Service - Brighton & Hove / RFI

Reference number

NHS/SCW/23.906 ONS B&H RFI

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Overnight Nursing Service

Brighton and Hove

23.906/RFI

NHS Sussex

Request for Information (RFI)

The Commissioner is seeking the views of Healthcare Providers in relation to the provision of an Overnight Nursing Service covering Brighton and Hove. The Commissioner is considering a contract period of 3 years with an option (of the commissioner) to extend for period of up to 2 further years (3+2), this remains subject to further review.

The service will provide an Out Of Hours District Nursing (OOH DN) service to housebound people over the age of 18 years in Brighton and Hove during the hours of 20:00 and 08:00 to ensure continuity of care to patients outside of normal business hours.

This Request For Information (RFI) process is designed to help the Commissioner to form a view of the best way to commission the service and is not the beginning of a Tender

exercise. A Tender advertisement may be issued at the appropriate time, if required, should the Commissioner consider that the optimum route to commission the service is through a procurement process.

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>.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Brighton and Hove

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

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20:00 and 08:00 to ensure continuity of care to patients outside of normal business hours. This will include a handover with the PCN Community Nursing Teams (PCN - CNT) day service. The OOH DN service aims to assist in the management of patients to prevent avoidable hospital admission, act as a first responder and support timely hospital discharge.

The service will make scheduled and unscheduled visits to cover:

- Proactive management of patients with long term conditions over a 24-hour period
- Management of palliative care patients at home, in conjunction with the Community Martlets Team.
- Provision of intravenous therapy at home (where staff have been appropriately trained, competencies assured and equipment in place).
- Acting as first responder to GP calls overnight (where appropriate and staff competencies assured).
- Responding to calls from 111 or the professional support line (PSL) for admission avoidance or to support timely discharge.

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Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the Request For Information (RFI) document, 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 to be able to submit your response through Atamis.

Please complete your response and return via the Atamis eTendering Portal, reference: 23.906 - Overnight Nursing Service RFI by 5pm on 14th June 2023.

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your insight.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

This notice is an information gathering exercise only and therefore publication or response does not commit the Authority or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest and the information you provide will not be used to shortlist bidders or influence any bid scoring in the substantive procurement exercise. The Authority will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise.

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).

Any future 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.

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

1 August 2023