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Planning

Expressions of Interest for the Provision of Community and School Aged Immunisation Service for East of England Region

NHS England

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://www.england.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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Expressions of Interest for the Provision of Community and School Aged Immunisation Service for East of England Region

Reference number

AG23507

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU) on behalf of NHS England (The Commissioner) is placing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) regarding Community School Age Immunisation Services (CSAIS) which will be used as a conduit to obtain feedback from the market and ascertain market capability and interest in the opportunity and help determine the appropriate way forward.

The Commissioners would also like to invite potential Bidders to a Market Engagement Webinar taking place on 10th June 2024 at 12:00 midday via MS Teams. The event will cover the service specification and procurement process. If your organisation is interested in attending this event, then please respond to the questions on Atamis and register your interest in attending this webinar by 5.00pm on Thursday 06th June 2024 by following the instructions given below. MS Teams link for the event will be shared by email to relevant attendees on Friday 07th June 2024.

Please note this PIN closes 1700hrs on Friday 14th June 2024.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

Main site or place of performance

East of England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS England is responsible for commissioning Section 7A Public Health services which include the community and school aged immunisation service (CSAIS) delivered to children and young people.

The aim of this service is to deliver a safe and effective vaccinations to children and young people in school and community settings.

This service will cover the following immunisations:

- Seasonal flu immunisation including Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV) and intramuscular (IM) vaccines in line with national roll out plans, this includes special schools and nurseries (students and staff)
- Tetanus, diphtheria, and polio (Td/IPV)
- Meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y (MenACWY)
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) for girls and boys
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) catch-up
- Neonatal/ infant BCG and BCG catch-up
- Outbreak response in a community setting.
- Potential to expand further to cover the following (but not limited to)
 - Provide opportunistic adult immunisations.
 - RSV

NHS England, East of England, has reviewed the existing CSAIS services delivered across the region's 6 ICBs (currently configured according to geographies of Essex, East Anglia, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes).

To streamline our commissioning approach and to simplify contracting arrangements, it is our intention to consider moving to commission a single service for the East of England Region.

The procurement is expected to deliver the following benefits:

- Protect individuals and communities against vaccine preventable diseases.
- Maximise overall uptake achieving 'herd immunity' wherever possible.
- Improve uptake in areas of historically low uptake.

- Improve consistency of service provision across the whole of East of England region.
- Providing appropriate and patient led services in the right place.
- More cost-effective use of NHS resources.
- Respond to outbreaks.

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By following the relevant access details below Providers will be able to access the project on Atamis where they can view a suite of documentation including the service specification for the service. It is anticipated that TUPE will apply to this service going forwards and if applicable, details will be shared as part of any selected process. Providers will be invited to offer feedback via a set of questions.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

19 July 2024

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is purely an early engagement exercise and does not commit the commissioners to carry out a procurement process. Any subsequent procurement will be advertised separately and all organisations wanting to participate will need to respond to the procurement advertisement as and when published. Current services will remain in place during this period in line with existing contracts. The procurement will be advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 will not apply to this award.

The Contracting Authority will be using an e-Tendering system for this PIN. To access the documentation and respond to the relevant PIN questionnaire please go to: 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-tendering portal at the following link: <https://atamis-1928.my.salesforce-sites.com/?SearchType=Projects> and respond to the question set.

You can search for the opportunity by entering the following project reference: C285068 EOI: Community & School Age Immunisation Services (CSAIS).

Please note this PIN closes 1700hrs on Friday 14th June 2024. Registrations for the Market Engagement event held on Monday 10th June 2024 must be made by Thursday 06th June 2024.