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## **Countywide Community-based Specialist Level Palliative and End of Life Care Service for Adults**

NHS Northamptonshire ICB

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04d6d7

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

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

NHS Northamptonshire ICB

Haylock House, Kettering Parkway

Kettering

NN15 6EY

#### **Email**

[agem.procurementnorthants@nhs.net](mailto:agem.procurementnorthants@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKF24 - West Northamptonshire

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.icnorthamptonshire.org.uk/icb>

Buyer's address

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

## **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>

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## **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**

Countywide Community-based Specialist Level Palliative and End of Life Care Service for Adults

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board (NICB) is inviting tenders from suitably qualified and experienced providers for a Countywide community-based Specialist Palliative and End of Life Care Service for Adults to support patients who are thought to be in their last eight weeks of life. NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands CSU (AGCSU) is acting as an agent for and on behalf of NICB and is supporting this Provider Selection Regime Competitive Process.

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

Value excluding VAT: £15,440,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKF24 - West Northamptonshire

## II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board (NICB) is inviting tenders from suitably qualified and experienced providers for a Countywide community-based Specialist Palliative and End of Life Care Service for Adults to support patients who are thought to be in their last eight weeks of life. NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands CSU (AGCSU) is acting as an agent for and on behalf of NICB and is supporting this Provider Selection Regime Competitive Process. The service is broken down into five core elements.

**24/7 Rapid Response Service** - Led by nurses and offering urgent specialist care and support, including symptom management and non-medical prescribing, during both regular and after hours. It is designed for patients considered to be in the last eight weeks of their lives who wish to receive care in their own homes.

**Local Coordination Service** - A 24/7 service providing information, advice, signposting to services and face-to-face interventions for patients, caregivers, family, and friends.

**Hospice at Home** – Offering a more integrated approach for patient assisting those who wish to spend their last days at home. This includes rapidly discharging patients from hospices and hospitals to avoid unnecessary admissions.

**Day Care Service** – Aimed at patients who are in the last eight weeks of life and prefer to receive care at home. Short episodes of care are delivered throughout the day as needed to ensure patients' needs are met.

**Night Care Service** - Designed for patients who are in the last eight weeks of life and prefer to receive care at home. This service will ensure that the patient's needs are met through short episodes of care provided during the night when appropriate.

Please note, this Contract Notice relates to a service/contract in scope of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR). The Procurement / Provider Selection Process conducted will be subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act Regulations 2023 will not apply.

The contract will be for a period of 5 years with the option to extend for up to a further 3 years, commencing 1st April 2026.

The maximum annual contract value is £1,930,000 exclusive of VAT.

Please note there is a financial threshold associated with this procurement. Any bids exceeding £1,930,000 per annum (Excluding VAT) will be excluded from evaluation and disqualified from the process. No bids over £1,930,000 per annum (Excluding VAT) will be accepted. Further details can be found within the procurement documentation.

To register your interest and submit a bid, please follow the link below, and search for the project reference as detailed: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Project Reference: C350748

Project Name: Countywide community-based Specialist Palliative and End of Life Care Service for Adults in Northamptonshire

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £15,440,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 April 2026

End date

31 March 2034

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend a further 3 years (36 months).

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-002877](#)

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

Date

19 May 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 16 September 2025

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

19 May 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Strand,

London,

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.theroyalcourtsofjustice.com>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

NHS Northamptonshire ICB

Haylock House, Kettering Parkway

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NN15 6EY

Country

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<https://www.icnorthamptonshire.org.uk/icb>