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Planning

Request for Information - County Durham Chronic Pain Management (Tier 2) Service.

NHS North East North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03d466

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS North East North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Durham

Email

necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC14 - Durham CC

NHS Organisation Data Service

A83057005

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://nenc-countydurham.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

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

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 another address:

North of England Commissioning Support

John Snow House

Houghton Le Spring

DH1 3YG

Email

necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC - North East (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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

Request for Information - County Durham Chronic Pain Management (Tier 2) Service.

Reference number

NECS482

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

North of England Commissioning Support is working for and on behalf of NHS North East North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) County Durham Place (the Contracting Authority) to carry out market engagement for County Durham Chronic Pain Management (Tier 2) Service.

The Contracting Authority is issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) as a Request for Information (RFI) to engage with the market and to gather information in order to gain a better understanding of both the capacity and appetite of the market in delivering the proposed services, and to alert the market to a future tender opportunity.

It is important to note that this PIN/RFI is not a call for competition and as such you will need to express your interest in any future tender opportunity once the contract notice is published in Find a Tender and on Contracts Finder.

It should also be noted that this PIN/RFI invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this RFI exercise only, and it is NOT a pre-qualification questionnaire, and is NOT part of any pre-qualification or selection process.

This PIN/RFI is intended as an awareness, communication, and information gathering exercise. An expression of interest is no indication of a commitment to participate in the RFI process nor does it infer any preferential or special status on those individuals and organisations who express an interest in the RFI exercise.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this RFI exercise and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including RFI submissions, will be conducted via Atamis: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

If you have already registered on the system (e.g. to access contracts with another Health Family organisation) then there is no need to re-register.

If you have not already done so you should now register as a Supplier on the shared system.

You can register here: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. If you find that you need any advice or support in registering please contact the Atamis helpdesk using the following details:

Phone: 0800 9956035

E-mail: support-health@atamis.co.uk

Opening times 8am - 6pm

An Atamis Supplier guide can be accessed by clicking on this link.

PLEASE NOTE: You may be asked if you wish to merge your account with an existing organisation. This is based on a number of criteria including the domain name of your email address, so please ensure that you do register with your official work email address.

The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (as amended) may apply to a future procurement including the New Fair Deal non-statutory

policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

The RFI documentation will be accessible from Wednesday 07th June 2023 and completed RFI responses must be submitted by 5pm on Wednesday 28 June 2023.

Following review of returned RFI responses, should the commissioner wish to seek further clarification to any part of the responses, further market engagement may be carried out. Providers will be made aware of these arrangements via the Atamis system.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

4 September 2023