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Tender

Community Pharmacy COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Phase 3 2021/22

The NHS Commissioning Board (operating under the name of NHS England)

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Community Pharmacy COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Phase 3 2021/22

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The National Health Service Commissioning Board (which uses the operational name “NHS England”) is seeking to enter into local enhanced services arrangements with community pharmacies in geographical areas where NHS England identifies there is a need for additional COVID-19 vaccination capacity. Successful community pharmacies will provide COVID-19 vaccination services under a local enhanced services agreement at designated sites operated by the pharmacies.<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/community-pharmacy-local-enhanced-service-specification-phase-3-coronavirus-vaccination/>

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS is a global leader in achieving high levels of vaccination coverage, and this has been reflected in a hugely successful COVID-19 vaccination programme. Community pharmacy has played a critical role in the success of phase 1 (the vaccination of patient JCVI cohorts 1-9) and phase 2 (the vaccination of patient JCVI cohorts 10-12) of the COVID-19 vaccination programme. Through their strong relationships in local places and

neighbourhoods, community pharmacies have helped to tackle vaccine inequalities and improve vaccination take-up. The third phase of the COVID-19 vaccination programme will offer booster (with additional vaccine) for those at the highest risk, to maintain protection against the risk of severe illness, and continue to offer initial vaccinations to those Patients who did not take up or were previously not eligible to receive vaccination in phases 1 and 2. The service will be provided as a Local Enhanced Service (LES) pursuant to the Pharmaceutical Services (Advanced and Enhanced Services) (England) Directions 2013. The Community Pharmacy Phase 3 Site Designation Process document sets out the detail of how Pharmacy Contractor can submit expressions of interest for providing the LES and how Pharmacy Contractors who are able to provide the LES will be identified at a regional basis on the basis of site. The LES Agreement document sets out the requirements of service provision. A LES Agreement will be entered into between NHS England and a Pharmacy Contractor selected by NHS England via the Site Designation Process which is set out in the Community Pharmacy Phase 3 Site Designation Process document but only where there is a local population need for additional COVID-19 vaccination services and where NHS England considers the relevant Pharmacy Contractor is best placed to meet that need having applies the criteria, process and steps outlined in the Community Pharmacy Phase 3 Site Designation Process document. For the avoidance of doubt, this is a voluntary Contract Notice in the interests of achieving maximum transparency and sectoral awareness. NHS England is empowered to facilitate LES Agreements on a site by site basis pursuant to the Pharmaceutical Services (Advanced and Enhanced Services) (England) Directions 2013. The items of service payment of £12.58 per vaccination administered to a Patient

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

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

Duration in months

5

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

NHS England may allow Pharmacy Contractors a new opportunity to submit expressions of interest depending on the requirements of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There is an ability to extend the LES Agreement for 6 months by agreement between the parties for up to 6 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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Pursuant to direction 14 of the Pharmaceutical Services (Advanced and Enhanced Services) (England) Directions 2013, NHS England is only authorised to arrange for the provision of an enhanced service with Pharmacy Contractors which are defined as persons included in a list prepared under regulation 10(2)(a) of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

Full details of the requirements for economic and financial standing in the procurement documents

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

Date

28 July 2021

Local time

5:00pm

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

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

15 July 2021

Local time

11:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

This is a voluntary Contract Notice. LES Agreements are authorised pursuant to direction 14 of the Pharmaceutical Services (Advanced and Enhanced Services) (England) Directions 2013. In any event, the services in scope are healthcare services which fall under “social and other specific services” in Section 7.. All Pharmacy Contractors that submit Expressions of Interest will set out in Stage 1 of Designation Process (as set out in the Community Pharmacy Phase 3 Designation Process document) will then go through a prioritisation process with the application of locality specific criteria to identify Priority Sites which will then go through an assurance process. Any such Assured Sites will then be subject to an assessment of readiness preparation with NHS England. Where NHS England is so satisfied, the site will be approved and a LES Agreement offered. If NHS England considers that there is a need for additional COVID-19 vaccination services in a geographical area covered by the Pharmacy Contractor who submitted an Expression of Interest, NHS England may either publish an invitation to submit new Expressions of Interest with specific detail as to the specific requirements or revisit the Expressions of Interest originally submitted and progress other Pharmacy Contractors through the Designation Process again. There will be no maximum number of Pharmacy Contractors that may be offered a LES Agreement. Each LES Agreement is likely to be below the financial threshold for services.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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