

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/017635-2022>

Planning

Baby Massage and Similar Family Bonding Services

County Durham Care Partnership

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-017635

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-034b89

Published 28 June 2022, 2:34pm

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

County Durham Care Partnership

County Durham

Email

necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKC - North East (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/carepartnership>

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://in-tendhost.co.uk/nhsnecsu/asp/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

North of England Commissioning Support

John Snow House

County Durham

Dh1 3YG

Email

necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS 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

Baby Massage and Similar Family Bonding Services

Reference number

NECS431

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 the County Durham Care Partnership (the Contracting Authority) and is managing this market engagement exercise to engage with providers of baby massage and similar family bonding services in and around County Durham.

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.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC14 - Durham CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

North of England Commissioning Support is working for and on behalf of the County Durham Care Partnership (the Contracting Authority) and is managing this market engagement exercise to engage with providers of baby massage and similar family bonding services in and around County Durham.

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.

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 on Find a Tender and 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 portal (In-Tend) to manage this RFI and as such interested individuals and organisations will need to register on the portal to access the RFI documentation and return their completed RFI documentation.

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/nhsnecsu.aspx/Home>

Please note that all communications will be conducted via the In-Tend portal only.

It is free to register on the portal, which can be accessed at any time of day.

Should you have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal, you should contact the eTendering provider by Email: support@in-tend.com or by phone on 0844 2728810

Helpdesk Availability - Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5.00pm.

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 28 June 2022 and completed RFI responses must be returned by 12.00 noon on 09 August 2022.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

9 August 2022