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## **Sterile Fluids [5323348] - Pre-Market Engagement**

Procurement and Logistics Service

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-017685

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-046e37

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

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

Procurement and Logistics Service

77 Boucher Crescent

Belfast

BT12 6HU

#### **Email**

[PDRandOps.Sourcing@hscni.net](mailto:PDRandOps.Sourcing@hscni.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN - Northern Ireland

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

## **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

## **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**

Sterile Fluids [5323348] - Pre-Market Engagement

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

- 33600000 - Pharmaceutical products

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

Supplies

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

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) seeks engagement with applicable economic operators to gather information associated with the supply/delivery of Sterile Fluids to Health and Social Care (HSC) Trusts in Northern Ireland (NI) in order to gain a better understanding of the market/options available to service HSCNI's requirements in this area.

In particular, information is sought in relation to Draft Specification of Requirements and Ethical Procurement considerations.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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In particular, information is sought in relation to Draft Specification of Requirements and Ethical Procurement considerations. The information gathered will help inform HSCNI of market capacity/capability and assist in the development/execution of a new tendering exercise aimed at re-establishing a compliant and effective contract for the supply and delivery of Sterile Fluids.

To this end, Business Services Organisation (BSO) Procurement and Logistics Service (PaLS), in conjunction with its HSCNI Client, intends to engage with economic operators via a Pre-Market Engagement exercise. Economic operators interested in participating in such pre-market engagement should access the 'Sterile Fluids [5323348] - Pre-Market Engagement' opportunity via eTendersNI (<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/home.do>) at their earliest convenience, by searching for Resource ID / CfT Reference Number 5399470. Response to the pre-market engagement is to be received as instructed by the deadline of 3pm on Friday 21st June 2024, with any request for clarification being received as instructed no later than 3pm on Tuesday 18th June 2024.

Economic operators should note that is a Pre-Market Engagement exercise (NOT a competitive tender process). The participation of an economic operator in this pre-market engagement will not constitute any contractual agreement between the respondent and the Contracting Authority/Client. An economic operator's participation, or lack of participation, in this pre-market engagement shall not impact the ability of the economic operator to participate in any resulting tender exercise. Economic operators should note that any interest indicated does not constitute a commitment to participate in any future tendering exercise.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

2 August 2024

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## **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: Yes