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Tender

Sexual Health Services

Leicestershire County Council
Rutland County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/index.html>

Buyer's address

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/index.html>

I.1) Name and addresses

Rutland County Council

Rutland

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.rutland.gov.uk/>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=da706bc6-149b-ed11-811e-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=da706bc6-149b-ed11-811e-005056b64545>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Sexual Health Services

Reference number

DN651717

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Leicestershire County Council and Rutland County Council (the Authorities) are inviting tenders for the provision of 'Sexual Health Services' in accordance with the applicable elements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

The Authorities have a requirement for Sexual Health Services as part of their wider public health responsibilities, and the Authorities intend to procure provision for Integrated Sexual Health Service (Lot 1), provision for an Online Sexual Health Service (Lot 2), and the provision for Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) Service (Lot 3).

It is the intention for the Authorities that the provision of Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC) will be procured early Autumn 2023, alongside additional pharmacy services. However, the delivery of EHC service remains a key provision in the Sexual Health Service landscape.

The commissioned sexual health services for Leicestershire and Rutland comprise of the Integrated Sexual Health Service (ISHS) and Community Based Services (CBS).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £24,869,568

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Integrated Sexual Health Service

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This opportunity will be an open procedure under the Light Touch Regime, and the Authorities welcome tenders from consortium or sub-contracting arrangements for this procurement opportunity.

The service will be required to provide a confidential, open-access, cost-effective, high quality and comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health service

Overarching service aims are to improve sexual health outcomes by:

- promoting good sexual health through primary prevention activities
- providing rapid and easy open access to STI and Blood Borne Virus (BBV) testing, treatment and management

- providing rapid and easy open access to reproductive health services
- reducing late diagnosis of HIV and undiagnosed HIV and improving the sexual health of those living with HIV
- providing a quality service with appropriately trained staff, clinical governance and service user safety arrangements
- being responsive to local need
- operating as a key partner in the local sexual health economy providing clinical leadership, involvement in local networks and development of clear referral pathways between providers

Service objectives include:

- ensure that services are acceptable and accessible to people disproportionately affected by unplanned pregnancy and sexual ill health
- engage local prevention groups and non-governmental organisations
- ensure service users' views inform service evaluation, development and continuous improvement
- proactively assess and respond to the public health needs of the local population
- ensure robust information governance systems are in place and the service is reporting to mandatory national datasets
- support and champion evidence-based practice in sexual health
- promote service and key sexual health messages to the local population
- understand the wider determinants around both sexual health and unplanned pregnancy
- prompt referral and signposting of service users to services such as HIV services, the sexual assault referral centre (SARC), drug and alcohol services and other services relevant to their individual needs
- provision of chlamydia screening, treatment and partner notification as part of the National Chlamydia Screening Programme (NCSP)
- provision of STI testing, treatment and partner notification
- increase the uptake of HIV testing

- provide HIV PrEP for populations at risk
- rapid referral to HIV treatment and care services
- management of complex STIs
- provide sexual health information, including information about safer sex practices, contraceptive methods and access to free condoms and advice to develop increased knowledge
- access for all age groups to a complete range and choice of contraception
- access to free pregnancy tests and appropriate onward referral to abortion services or maternity care
- develop the sexual health workforce
- co-ordinate and support the delivery of sexual health care across the locality through expert clinical advice, clinical governance and clinical networks
- deliver multidisciplinary training
- work with partners to support the local implementation of Relationships, Sex and Health Education, including providing up-to-date information and contact details for contraception and sexual health information for educational setting

This lot will be awarded as a contract to a single provider. Subcontract arrangements are permitted.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Integrated Sexual Health Service / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £13,061,988

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

Duration in months

72

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: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Online Sexual Health Service

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72300000 - Data services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This opportunity will be an open procedure under the Light Touch Regime, and the Authorities welcome tenders from consortium or sub-contracting arrangements for this procurement opportunity.

This service will deliver and manage a secure and accessible, online sexual health service that facilitates a comprehensive sexual health assessment, remote STI and HIV home sampling and diagnosis test kit, without the need to see a healthcare practitioner for; sexually active individuals aged 16 years and over residing in Leicestershire and Rutland.

The provider will deliver 24 hours a day accessible service, capable of processing high volumes of requests simultaneously.

Service aims are:

- to increase knowledge of risks associated with sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and refer to appropriate services
- to help contribute to a reduction in the rate of unplanned pregnancies, particularly in under 18s
- reduce late diagnosis of HIV and undiagnosed HIV
- provision of STI testing, (some treatment) and partner notification
- increase the uptake of HIV testing
- to enable providers to be active participants in an integrated multi-disciplinary service to help ensure easy and swift access to advice

Service objectives include:

- delivery of a user friendly, non-judgemental, client centred and confidential online sexual health service
- identify:
 - Eligibility
 - Risk
 - Vulnerabilities
 - Need

- Appropriate testing
- Any required referrals to an alternative/additional service provider/s
- provide rapid and easy access to STI testing (and some treatments)
- provide rapid easy access to contraception

This lot will be awarded as a contract to a single provider.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Online Sexual Health Service / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £6,321,150

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

Duration in months

72

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: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) Service

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This opportunity will be an open procedure under the Light Touch Regime, and the Authorities welcome tenders from consortium or sub-contracting arrangements for this procurement opportunity.

This service is required to deliver the provision, fitting, monitoring, and removal of IUDs, IUSs and SDIs for contraception purposes for women of Leicestershire and Rutland.

The service will provide a number of clinics across the geography of the counties and ensure consistent and timely delivery of long-acting reversible contraception.

Service aims are:

- improve sexual health outcomes
- improve access to long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) to Leicestershire and Rutland residents as part of a range of contraceptive options
- to raise awareness of the benefits of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) by providing high quality advice, support and information on the full range of contraception methods to all those on or seeking contraception

- to increase knowledge of LARC and mainstream contraception amongst healthcare professionals
- to increase knowledge of risks associated with sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and refer to appropriate services
- to help contribute to a reduction in the rate of unplanned pregnancies, particularly in under 18s.
- to enhance professional practice
- to enable Providers to be active participants in an integrated multi-disciplinary service to help ensure easy and swift access to advice
- to ensure that the availability of post-coital IUD fitting for emergency contraception be more adequately provided as another means of reducing unintended conceptions

The service objectives are:

- delivery of a user friendly, non-judgemental, client centred and confidential LARC service
- be a key partner in the local network of contraceptive and sexual health services to help ensure easy and swift access to advice

This lot will be awarded as a contract to a single provider. Subcontract arrangements are permitted.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) Service / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £5,486,430

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

Duration in months

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: No

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 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: [2023/S 000-001964](#)

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

Date

9 August 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

9 August 2023

Local time

12:05pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Construction and Technology Court (Queens Bench Division) (Branch of High Court of Justice)

Priory Courts, 33 Bull Street

Birmingham

B4 6DS

Country

United Kingdom