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Planning

Market Engagement for Mandatory Dental Sedation Services South East

NHS England

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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

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

Market Engagement for Mandatory Dental Sedation Services South East

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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The indicative date for the contract to commence is 1st April 2024. The annual contract value is expected to be in the region of £3.5million, although this is to be confirmed.

Providers who wish to express their interest and complete the questionnaire will need to register on the e-procurement system, Atamis, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Please complete the market questionnaire within Atamis by midday on Friday 29th July 2022.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The aims for Mandatory Dental Sedation provision are to:

- establish a positive working relationship between the Commissioner and Provider to facilitate and maximise high quality sedation service delivery;
- contribute to improving oral and general health;
- develop sedation services in line with the evolving strategic approach to primary care dental provision and align with the priorities of the NHS Long Term Plan – www.longtermplan.nhs.uk;
- deliver appropriate, efficient and cost-effective sedation services within the service provision framework of the NHS (General Dental Services/Personal Dental Services) Regulations 2005 and any subsequent revisions;
- provide high quality dental sedation services;
- refer patients to other NHS services as appropriate in line with the relevant local protocols and guidance;
- promote overall health in line with Making Every Contact Count.
- provide access to NHS dental services to ensure equity and consistency of provision;
- reduce inequalities in health and access to dental care by providing extra support to groups of vulnerable adults and children;
- offer patients requiring and eligible for sedation services the most straightforward technique, which is likely to be effective, based on a robust patient assessment and on clinical need;
- ensure that clinicians, dental care professionals and other staff working for the service are adequately trained, skilled and experienced to deliver a high quality and safe sedation services.

This process is being managed by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioners.

Those interested in delivering the service should complete the online market engagement questionnaire.

Following market questionnaire submissions providers will be invited to attend a virtual market engagement event, expected to take place in September 2022 (a specific date and time will follow in due course).

Further details of the event, including joining instructions, will be provided once the PIN has closed, to those providers who express an interest and complete the market engagement questionnaire.

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NHSE/I South East will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise.

This notice is an information gathering exercise rather than a call for competition in its own right, and therefore publication or response does not commit NHSE/I South East or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest.

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but is instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

3 October 2022

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: No