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Planning

## **NECS437 – Request for Information – Termination of Pregnancy - Tees Valley**

North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board - Tees Valley

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

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

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

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://teesvalleyccg.nhs.uk/contact-us/>

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

NHS NORTH OF ENGLAND COMMISSIONING SUPPORT UNIT

John Snow House

Co. Durham

DH1 3YG

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**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**

NECS437 – Request for Information – Termination of Pregnancy - Tees Valley

Reference number

NECS437

**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 (NECS) is a care system support organisation and is managing this market engagement exercise and a possible future procurement

process for the provision of a Termination of Pregnancy Service across the Tees Valley for and on behalf of North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) (the Contracting Authority).

This Request for Information (RFI) process is being undertaken to engage with the market to inform the further development of draft proposals for future service delivery of Termination of Pregnancy Services informed as per the NICE 2019 Guidelines

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng140/resources/abortion-care-pdf-66141773098693>

Annual contract value is c850,000 GBP.

The RFI documentation will be accessible from 12:00 noon on 14 July 2022 and the RFI questionnaire must be completed on-line and submitted by 12.00 noon on 28 July 2022.

A future procurement opportunity for the Termination of Pregnancy Services across Tess Valley could be published in September/October 2022.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,250,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

Main site or place of performance

Tees Valley

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

The Contracting Authority is issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) as a Request for Information (RFI) to gather market intelligence/information, to gain a better understanding

of the capacity and appetite of the market in delivering the proposed Termination of Pregnancy Services across Tess Valley and to alert the market to a possible future tender opportunity.

It is important to note that this PIN/RFI is not a call for competition and as such potential providers will need to express interest in any future tender opportunity once a contract notice is published in Find a Tender Service and on Contracts Finder.

It should 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 in this RFI exercise 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 complete and submit the on-line RFI questionnaire.

Please note that it is free to register on In-Tend, which can be accessed at any time if you have a working internet connection. The In-Tend portal can be found at: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/nhsnecsu/aspx/Home>.

Potential providers are to note that the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 as amended by the Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (TUPE) 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 questionnaire and associated documentation will be accessible from 12:00 noon on 14 July 2022 and the RFI questionnaire must be completed on-line and submitted by 12.00 noon on 28 July 2022.

A future procurement opportunity for the provision of Termination of Pregnancy Services across Tess Valley could be published in September/October 2022

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

4 October 2022

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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