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Tender

Children and Young People (11-17) Specialist Autism Assessment and Diagnosis Service, and Neurodevelopment Disorder Referral Backlog Screening in Suffolk (excluding Waveney)

Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Norwich:-Health-services./5G9AE7B5HC>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-title/5G9AE7B5HC>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

Children and Young People (11-17) Specialist Autism Assessment and Diagnosis Service, and Neurodevelopment Disorder Referral Backlog Screening in Suffolk (excluding Waveney)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust, on behalf of the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (NSFT) is seeking a qualified and capable service partner to provide specialist Children and Young People (11-17) Autism Assessments and Diagnosis Services, and Children and Young People (11-17) Neurodevelopment Disorder (NDD) assessments in Suffolk (excluding Waveney).

This tender will be run using two lots, with bidders able to tender for one, or both lots (based on capability and capacity). Full details of the requirement are covered in the relevant service specifications, listed in the tender pack (link below).

For screening 1800 screens must be completed within 12 weeks of the agreed contract start date.

For assessments, 150 assessments must be completed within 6 months of the agreed contract start date.

Please note that the deadline for tender submissions is 12:00 on Monday, 5th August 2024 (not the deadline listed in section IV.2.2)

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £340,000

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: 2

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

one, both, or all lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Children and Young People (11-17) Specialist Autism Assessment and Diagnosis Services

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia

Main site or place of performance

East Anglia

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Service is to be provided for children and young people between the ages of 11 up to 18th birthday who have been identified as requiring an ASD assessment by a professional referral i.e., GP, School, SENCo.

Service description and care pathway

The service is for Children and Young People aged 11- 17 who require an autism assessment following primary care pre assessment screening and referral.

- The service will provide a comprehensive needs led Autism assessment and diagnosis where indicated followed by a report and signposting for support for patients.

- Empower the patient and family to understand their needs. This will include VCSE and SEN needs identified and recommendations i.e., psycho- educational advice given about the identified need and how the family can start to get the need supported.
- A multi-disciplinary needs led assessment based on review of EHCP, educational psychology assessment, other professional reports i.e., OT/SLT. Gaining information from the school environment. Meet with parent and child to complete assessment while considering differential diagnosis.
- For patient identified as autistic provide the diagnosis and identify the unmet needs and recommend how these can be supported.
- Patients identified with additional needs i.e., mental health or other neurodevelopmental presenting difficulties to complete an onward referral and/or signposting as appropriate.
- For patients who are not diagnosed with autism signpost to resources to for their unmet needs identified in assessment such as making recommendations for the family and/or school to consider.
- Utilise evidence-based assessment tools and an approach that is grounded in evidence based best practice for the YP being assessed.
- To ensure communication is in place with the CYP, their family the GP and referrer where appropriate

Location of service delivered

The location of the service will be Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds with the provision of suitable clinical space provided by the provider of the service. This will include space to store essential materials and equipment, 2 clinic rooms per site with the capacity for 2 service users and 2 clinicians per room.

Service delivery hours of operation

The service will operate at least Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm with weekend flexibility to meet user's needs.

Standards and guidance

The service will comply with all relevant national standards and recommendations as detailed in.

- The Autism Act 2009

- National Strategy for autistic children, young people, and adults, 2021
- Autism spectrum disorder in under 19s: recognition, referral, and diagnosis Clinical guideline [CG128] Published: 28 September 2011 Last updated: 20 December 2017
- NICE guideline [NG197] Shared decision-making learning package, June 2021
- NHS England national framework to deliver improved

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £260,000

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

Duration in months

6

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

Neurodevelopment Disorder Referral Backlog in Suffolk (excluding Waveney)

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia

Main site or place of performance

East Anglia

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Service description and care pathway

The service is for Children and Young People aged 0- 18yrs who have been referred for a NDD assessment following primary care pre assessment screening and referral.

- The service will provide a clinical review of patient referral information and comprehensive screening of referrals based on ICD-11 criteria to identify if ASD or ADHD or both are indicated to be assessed. Clinically appropriate patients considering other developmental/differential factors that may be influencing current need will then be passed to an assessment service.
- Empower the patient and family to understand their needs via the outcome letter. This will include VCSE and SEN needs identified and recommendations i.e., psycho-educational advice given about the identified need and how the family can start to get the need supported if ASD or ADHD not identified.
- Screening based on review of referral form and supporting information ie EHCP, educational psychology assessment, other professional reports i.e., OT/SLT. Contact with school/ parent and child / referrer if further information required to make the assessment while considering differential diagnosis.
- Children and young people identified with additional needs i.e. mental health, learning difficulties or other neurodevelopmental presenting difficulties to complete an onward

referral and/or signposting as appropriate.

- For patients who are not identified as requiring ASD/ADHD assessment signpost to resources for their unmet needs identified in assessment such as making recommendations for the family and/or school to consider.
- To identify if the CYP is requiring an ASD or ADHD or both assessments. To provide a clinical rationale as to which assessment is needed. If both are needed, to identify which presentation is most prominent and should happen first. To inform the referrer, copy to GP and family, and NSFT of the screening outcome (including rationale for assessment or why an assessment is not indicated).
- To signpost to other services such as educational support or assessment, mental health support, family-based support when this is indicated, for both those accepted and not accepted for an assessment.
- To alert the local authority, referrer, family and NSFT to any identified safeguarding concerns. To take responsibility for making any safeguarding referrals to the Suffolk County Council. To clearly document all processes followed, copied to NSFT and GP.
- To use professionally registered clinicians knowledgeable and experienced in the presentation of social communication, learning/educational, mental health, systemic/familial and sensory needs of people with and without NDD.
- For screening clinicians to routinely have access to appropriate supervision and wider discussion with other clinicians when needed.
- The service will follow the highest standards of data protection and data governance to ensure data confidentiality and security.
- Utilise evidence-based screening tools
- To ensure communication is in place with the CYP, their family, the GP and referrer where appropriate.
- The service will have the capacity to screen 1800 referrals within 12 weeks of start of contract

Location of service delivered.

The location of the service will be Suffolk with the provision of suitable space provided by the provider of the service (OR a virtual offer) and will operate at least Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm with weekend flexibility to meet user's needs.

Standards and guidance

The service will comply with all relevant national standards and recommendations as detailed in the service specification.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £72,000

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

Duration in months

3

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.2.14) Additional information

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

7 August 2024

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

7 August 2024

Local time

12:01pm

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Please note that the deadline for tender submissions is 12:00 on Monday, 5th August 2024 (not the deadline listed in section IV.2.2)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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