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## **Provision of Employment Advisers in NHS Talking Therapies Service for North West London**

NHS North West London Integrated Care Board

F02: Contract notice

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

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

NHS North West London Integrated Care Board

15 Marylebone Rd,

London

NW1 5JD

#### **Contact**

NHS North West London Contracts Team

#### **Email**

[nhsnwl.contracting@nhs.net](mailto:nhsnwl.contracting@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **Region code**

UKI32 - Westminster

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

## **I.3) Communication**

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

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

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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

Provision of Employment Advisers in NHS Talking Therapies Service for North West London

Reference number

C191131

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

NHS NW London ICB is seeking a supplier for the provision of Employment Advisers in NHS Talking Therapies Service for North West London.

NHS Talking Therapies (previously Improving Access to Psychological Therapies - IAPT) is a national programme that aims to relieve distress and transform lives by offering NICE-approved interventions and treatment choice to people with depression and anxiety disorders and by improving the collection, recording and measurement of patients' health outcomes.

This procurement process is subject to the so-called light touch regime as set out in regulations 74-76 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("PCR") as the procurement concerns health services which are social and other specific services according to the PCR. The Authority is utilising the open procedure under the PCR for this competitive procurement process, but the Authority is only bound by those parts of the PCR that apply to the procurements of social and other specific services.

The contract is due to commence on 18th September 2023 and the initial term ends on 31st March 2025 (maximum value of £4,148,289). The Authority reserves the right to extend the contract for up to eighteen (18) months, beyond the initial expiry on 31st March 2025. The total maximum value, including all extensions is £8,036,772.

To express interest and participate in the tender, please register and apply via Atamis e-sourcing portal <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

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E-mail: [support-health@atamis.co.uk](mailto:support-health@atamis.co.uk)

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

Value excluding VAT: £8,036,772

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community
- 85100000 - Health services
- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community

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

NUTS codes

- UKI7 - Outer London – West and North West

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

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outcomes.

The overarching aims of the service are to:

- Support people with common mental health needs who are in work but struggling or facing difficulties in the workplace, off work sick or looking for work.
- Work with people using an assets based approach and with trauma informed practice.
- Bring together employment advice and support within NHS Talking Therapies provision.
- Enable therapists and Employment Advisers to work collaboratively to deliver a personalised, trauma-informed and person-centred service to clients based on their individual needs.
- Engage with service users to establish their employment goals, make better decisions about their working lives and communicate better with their colleagues and managers at work.
- Target service user groups who are at higher risk of poor health and wellbeing and socio-economic disadvantage.
- Equity of provision to service users across the protected characteristics and reduce health inequalities.

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## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60.00%

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10.00%

Cost criterion - Name: Pricing / Weighting: 30.00%

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

Start date

18 September 2023

End date

31 March 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend the contract for up to eighteen (18) months.

### **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

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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

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

Date

17 August 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

20 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>