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Planning

Lung Health Checks (exc. CT Scan)

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Lung Health Checks (exc. CT Scan)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Targeted Lung Health Check (TLHC) programme commenced in 2019 as part of the NHS Long Term Plan (Jan 2019). The primary aim of the programme is to deliver Lung Health Checks to populations with the highest risk of developing lung cancer in order to identify lung cancer at an earlier stage. The programme is delivered under a National protocol and Quality Assurance Framework which can be found at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/targeted-screening-for-lung-cancer/>

There are now over 50 areas covered by TLHC programmes, including one in Suffolk and North East Essex (Clacton on Sea), with an ambition that 100% of the eligible population will have access by 2028/29.

The initial phases of the TLHC programme have targeted populations where there are high levels of smoking, deprivation, and poor lung cancer outcomes. In practice this aligns with the Core 20 populations. Checks are offered to patients aged 55-74 who are current or ex-smokers. At the check their risk of Lung cancer is assessed and patients who are at high risk of Lung Cancer are offered a Low Dose CT scan. For clarity the provision of the Low Dose CT scan does not form part of this opportunity.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk
- UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

Main site or place of performance

Ipswich and East Suffolk, West Suffolk and North East Essex locality

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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GP Primary Choice are currently delivering the service well and the benefits of retaining the existing provider are considerable. GP Primary Choice may also work with Suffolk GP Federation within Suffolk. The benefits include, but are not limited to, existing provision, strong existing relationships with GPs which are difficult to replicate, sustainable providers, access to SystemOne and working knowledge of the localities and the systems supporting the populations.

The contract will be awarded with an initial contract term of 2 years and 6 months (30 months) and a potential extension period of up to 2 years (24 months), maximum term of 54 months (the "Proposed Contract"). The total aggregated value of contract will be approximately £2,381,840. An annual value is not possible for this contract due to the need to roll out the testing and ramp up delivery. The contract value will be subject to annual inflation/deflation at national NHS rates as prescribed in NHS Payment Scheme guidance.

The ICB believes the Most Suitable Provider Process under the Provider Selection Regime is an appropriate process to award this service and will engage with providers who express an interest.

If a provider believes they are equally integrated and suitable to deliver the services under the Proposed Contract, then they should register their interest.

To register interest and be considered within the Most Suitable Provider process please make contact through procurement@snee.nhs.uk.

The closing date for this opportunity is 17:00 23rd July 2024.

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intended approach notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

24 July 2024

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

For avoidance of doubt the Award Decision Makers are NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board, Aspen House, Stephenson Road, Severalls Business Park, Colchester, CO4 9QR.

The Authority may wish to introduce additional services during the lifetime of the contract ("Contract modifications"). Such contract modifications will be contemplated where additional requirements are similar and or complementary to the services already included in the Specification, at any given time. Such expansion would be by the addition of services commissioned by the Authority as named in the Contract Notice. To this end, the Bidder should be aware that after the award of contract, there is a possibility that the successful Bidder may be offered a variation to the contract in accordance with the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.