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Planning

East Berkshire Children and Young People Therapy Services

NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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**

East Berkshire Children and Young People Therapy Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

East Berkshire children and young people therapy services for East Berkshire - Prior Information Notice

NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board (ICB) is looking to commission a children and young people's therapy service across the East Berkshire patch.

Frimley ICB is acting as lead commissioner with other commissioners, as a "Partnership", with the following 3 organisations:

- Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM) Local Authority
- Bracknell Forest Local Authority
- Slough Local Authority

The East Berkshire Children and Young People Therapy Services brings together the health and local authority provision across the therapy services of Speech and Language, Occupational and Physiotherapy.

This is a market engagement exercise. The Partnership is seeking the views of healthcare providers for this service using a market engagement questionnaire. A Draft Specification and Draft Finance Information are available on the Atamis portal, with a questionnaire for interested potential bidders to complete, aimed at obtaining the views of prospective healthcare providers.

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

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £27,379,611

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The East Berkshire Children and Young People therapy services brings together the health and local authority provision across the therapy services of Speech and Language, Occupational and Physiotherapy.

The fundamental aims of integrating the commissioning of children's therapy services and equipment is to remove duplication and inefficiencies, promote equality of access and increase value for money, with the resulting service improvements for children, young people, parents and carers.

The East Berkshire Children and Young People Therapy Services will ensure that all children and young people known to the service achieve their best possible developmental potential, physical and emotional health, and well-being both in childhood and through transition into adulthood.

The Service is an innovative therapy Service offering simple entry, strong, universal help, and high impact interventions, offered in coproduction with families and others. It is a community-based Service for children with short-, medium- and longer-term developmental needs in speech, language and communication, feeding, mobility, movement, sensory processing, and independent function. The Service is provided by Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, and skilled assistants. The overarching aim is to maximise each child's developmental potential, and secure independence, in a way that makes sense for the family.

The Service works closely in partnership with families, young people and others to:

- Maximise children's opportunities for integration into education and society.
- Enjoy and achieve success.
- Reach their potential.
- Make a positive contribution to society.

The aim is to minimise dependence on therapists by giving families and staff the skills and confidence to 'self-manage'.

For children with multiple, long-term conditions, the longer-term aim is to reduce admissions into hospital through:

- The early identification of potential risks or changes in condition.

The envisaged contract period will be 5 years, with the option for the Partnership to extend for up to a further 2 years. The new contract will go live April 2025, with a 3-month prior mobilisation period to ensure implementation of critical services. There is a further 1-year mobilisation from contract award to deliver new elements of the services, as

outlined in the Draft Specification.

The value of the contract is estimated to be £3,911,373.00 per annum. (£27,379,611 over the full 7-year lifetime of the contract). Please see detail in the Draft Finance Information, available on the Atamis portal.

It is the Partnership's intention to shape their procurement process based on the responses to this PIN. The Partnership would therefore request potential bidders to complete and submit a response to the questionnaire. The Partnership is open to hearing from providers who genuinely believe they would be in a position to provide this service and offer best value to the ICB. If this is the case, please complete the market engagement questionnaire and submit it via the Atamis portal by 12 noon 23 July 2024.

Interested providers will be able to view this notice via the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-procurement system, Atamis, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome> (Project C288513) and the Market Engagement will require the completion of an online questionnaire.

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II.2.14) Additional information

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

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 August 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

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 the Commissioner or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest. The Commissioner will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise.

Interested providers will be able to view this opportunity via the live opportunities list on the 'Health Family' e-procurement system, Atamis. Click on 'View our Live Opportunities' from the home page, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the relevant information and market engagement questionnaire, you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page.

If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before gaining full access to the documentation and to be able to submit your expression of interest / market engagement questionnaire.