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Tender

Digital Inequalities Support Service - NHS Black Country ICB

NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-047c9b

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board

Civic Centre, St Peter's Square

Wolverhampton

WV1 1SH

Contact

Ola Shodipe

Email

olamide.shodipe1@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.blackcountry.icb.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>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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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

Digital Inequalities Support Service - NHS Black Country ICB

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Guidance from NHS England and the ICB's Operations Plan for Digital Requirements includes 'Mitigating against digital exclusion, including by implementing the framework for NHS action on digital inclusion'. We should also continue to connect services to and champion use of the NHS APP and website as the Digital Front Door to the NHS, to help people get and stay well and manage their own health and maximise adoption of the patient engagement portal services.

NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board (ICB) is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to express interest in delivering a Support Service to deliver and complete this framework. The provider will be required to work alongside the ICB in partnership to distribute digital devices to enable citizens of the Black Country including Dudley, Walsall, Sandwell and Wolverhampton, to become more digitally enabled, allowing quicker and better access to health and social care services.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £354,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80533000 - Computer-user familiarisation and training services
- 80500000 - Training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

Main site or place of performance

Across the Black Country (including Dudley, Walsall, Sandwell and Wolverhampton).

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The service is for the provision of a Digital Inequalities Support Service.

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Part of our ICS Digital Strategy is to address inequalities for the provision of digital services and equipment in parts of the community. This ongoing Programme of Work will include providing citizens within the Black Country with a digital device, connectivity if required, training to support build their digital skills as well as ongoing support for the loan of their device.

It is paramount that we commission a Support Service who can demonstrate that they already engage with local community groups citizens and have good working relationships

with local statutory and non-statutory organisations as well as extensive knowledge of our diverse Black Country population, addressing digital exclusion within all areas of deprivation.

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: £354,000

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

Duration in months

36

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

This procurement has been advertised in accordance with the process set out in Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR), otherwise known as the Light Touch Regime (LTR). The procurement of the Service(s) falls below the threshold over which the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (the "Regulations"), specifically those pertaining to schedule 3 services, would apply. Neither NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands CSU nor

NHS Black Country ICB will therefore not be bound by the provisions of the Regulations for this procurement will therefore not be bound by the provisions of the Regulations for this procurement. In addition, for the avoidance of doubt, as this requirement is not for Health Care Services for the purposes of the Health Service in England, none of the aforementioned organisations shall be bound by the requirements of The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 for this requirement.

To access the eProcurement portal to access relevant documentation relating to this opportunity, please follow the instructions below:

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

This includes but is not limited to an ability to meet the requirements of the service specification (as stated in the procurement documents) in its entirety including the required start date of 1st September 2024.

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

31 July 2024

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

31 July 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom