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Planning

Children's Speech and Language Therapy in County Durham

NHS North East North Cumbria Integrated Care Board - County Durham Place

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-021450

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-047d04

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS North East North Cumbria Integrated Care Board - County Durham Place

Pemberton House

Sunderland

Email

necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

NHS Organisation Data Service

QHM

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://nenc-countydurham.icb.nhs.uk/>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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 another address:

John Snow House

Durham University Science Park

County Durham

DH1 3YG

Email

necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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's Speech and Language Therapy in County Durham

Reference number

NECS521

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121291 - Paediatric services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

North of England Commissioning Support is working for and on behalf of NHS North East North Cumbria Integrated Care Board - County Durham place and is managing this market engagement exercise for the provision of Children's Speech and Language Therapy in County Durham.

The Relevant Authority is issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) as a Request for Information (RFI) to engage with the market and to gather information in order to gain a better understanding of both the capacity and appetite of the market in delivering the proposed services.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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.

It is important to note that this PIN/RFI is not a call for competition and as such you will need to express your interest in any future tender opportunity once the contract notice is published on Find a Tender Service.

It should also be noted that this PIN/RFI invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this RFI exercise only, and it is NOT a pre-qualification questionnaire, and is NOT part of any pre-qualification or selection process.

This PIN/RFI is intended as an awareness, communication, and information gathering exercise. An expression of interest is no indication of a commitment to participate in the RFI process nor does it infer any preferential or special status on those individuals and organisations who express an interest in the RFI exercise.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this RFI exercise and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including RFI submissions, will be conducted via Atamis: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

If you have already registered on the system (e.g. to access contracts with another Health Family organisation) then there is no need to re-register.

If you have not already done so you should now register as a Supplier on the shared system.

You can register here: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. If you find that you need any advice or support in registering, please contact the Atamis helpdesk using the following details:

Phone: 0800 9956035

E-mail: support-health@atamis.co.uk

Opening times 8am - 6pm

The RFI documentation will be accessible from Friday 12 July 2024 and completed RFI responses must be returned by 17:00 on Friday 26 July 2024.

Potential providers are to note that the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (as amended) may apply to a future procurement including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

Following review of returned RFI responses, should the commissioner wish to seek further clarification to any part of the responses, further market engagement may be carried out. Providers will be made aware of these arrangements via the Atamis system.

II.2.14) Additional information

We are excited to invite providers to participate in a request for information process as we seek to enhance and integrate children's therapy services within County Durham. Our vision is to develop a cohesive and comprehensive model that combines speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and physiotherapy to deliver high-quality, holistic care for children.

The Relevant Authority are seeking providers who share their commitment to integrated care and are dedicated to working collaboratively to achieve the best outcomes for children.

Please see Appendix D of the Request for Information Documentation for further information regarding the future service model.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

23 September 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: Yes