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Tender

Carpal Tunnel Services in North East Essex

NHS North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

Aspen House, Stephenson Road, Severalls Business Park

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH3 - Essex

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.neessexccg.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

Carpal Tunnel Services in North East Essex

Reference number

ACE-0484-2021-NEE

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) hereby invite suitably qualified service providers to submit tenders for the provision of Carpal Tunnel Services in North East Essex.

To express an interest in tendering for this service and access the Invitation to Tender (ITT) documents and all other information concerning the procurement, please go to:

<https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Click on 'Register' and follow the on screen instructions.

Responses must be fully completed and submitted exclusively via the BravoSolution e-procurement portal no later than 12:00 noon on 1 October 2021.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,890,448

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

North East Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group wishes to establish a single community provider contract for the provision of Carpal Tunnel Services. This will be a Community Service provided under a separate community contract. The Provider will receive all North East Essex referrals into this community service and there will be a community fixed price tariff i.e. non Payment by Results (PbR).

Referrals will be made by North East Essex GP Practices, the community physiotherapy service and the Clinical Assessment Service. In line with the Department of Health Patient Choice Framework, as a community service is available, there will be no legal requirement for a patient to be offered a choice of provider.

GP practices will make the initial assessment and provide the first stage of conservative treatment i.e. wrist brace (where deemed appropriate) in primary care. Practices that are clinically competent will also administer steroid injections as the second stage of conservative treatment where appropriate. Practices recorded by the CCG as not being able to administer injections will refer patients to this community service for one course of treatment only (unless exceptional circumstances

such as surgery is not an option).

Following receipt of an injection, patients will be discharged back to their GP. If the GP believes that the conservative treatment has not been effective following the prescribed period, the GP may make a separate referral for Carpal surgery. Where following assessment by this service, the patient is found to have more complex needs and requires referral to an acute provider, this Service will make the referral to the provider.

The CCG is seeking to commission a consistent, timely, high quality, flexible and accessible service to patients that will focus on patient outcomes.

The CCG aims to commission a Community Provider that can deliver this NHS non-urgent clinical pathway through:

- Clinical assessment and treatment in line with NICE guidelines
- Accredited clinicians with established peer review programme
- Provision of appropriate CQC compliant premises and facilities
- Access to Electromyograph (EMGs) tests where further diagnosis is required
- Assessment and treatment offered in line within defined response times
- Ability to run ad hoc clinics in a community setting for assessment and conservative treatment
- Flexible operating times that will accommodate working patients
- Increased self-management through provision of education and advice
- A robust programme of planned clinical audits to demonstrate planned cycles of continual measurement and improvement
- Package prices on a cost per case basis via a local tariff i.e. consultation, assessment, procedure and follow-ups as necessary.

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: £2,890,448

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

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Service reviews will be undertaken regularly, in order to determine any relevant renewal.

The contract term will be for an initial 60 months, with the option to extend by a further 24 months.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract term will be for an initial 60 months, with the option to extend by a further 24 months.

You are advised that the £2,890,448 value relates to the 7 years (5 years plus option to extend by 2 years).

The maximum contract value for the 5 year contract is £2,024,585.

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

The Contract will run for 5 years (with the option to extend by a further 2 years) commencing on the 1.07.2022.

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

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

1 October 2021

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: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

1 October 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The services to which this process relates fall within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended by The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020) ("the Regulations"). As such, the CCG does not intend to hold itself bound by any of the Regulations, save those applicable to Schedule 3 Services.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice of England and Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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