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## **Mental Health Approvals Function Services**

Department of Health and Social Care

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

**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**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Mental Health Approvals Function Services

Reference number

C286329

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 75122000 - Administrative healthcare services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Under the Mental Health Act, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care is responsible for the approval of Section 12 doctors and Approved Clinicians, roles with specific responsibilities under the Act relating to the assessment for detention and to the treatment of patients. These functions are collectively referred to as 'the Approval functions'.

The Approval functions have been vested in the Secretary of State since the enactment of the MHA but can be delegated by virtue of regulations made under the National Health Service Act 1977 and directions issued under the National Health Service Act 2006.

The Department of Health and Social Care is looking to appoint suitable providers for the delivery of the approval functions of Section 12 doctors and Approved Clinicians.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,977,820

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79900000 - Miscellaneous business and business-related services

### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI32 - Westminster

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

For avoidance of doubt this is not a call for competition, the purpose is to advise the market on the forthcoming DHSC procurement and seek feedback from the suppliers on the proposed approach and specifications and gain better understanding of the market and appetite for the projects.

Contract Project Reference: C286329

Lots and value: The total value of the contract for the 5 year is £5,977,820. The contract will be divided into 4 lots that correspond with clear geographical areas:

(J38370\_NHS\_England\_ICS\_England\_Map\_Web\_May22\_v4)

- Lot 1: the area covered by NHS England North East and Yorkshire and North West. Total value - £1,421,020
- Lot 2: the area covered by NHS England Midlands and East of England. Total value - £1,545,600
- Lot 3: London. Total value - £1,621,000
- Lot 4: the area covered by NHS England South East and South West. Total value - £1,390,200.

Total budget available for each lot and each year is set out in the specifications.

Contract term: Initial period of two years (from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2027). The authority at its own discretion may extend the initial term of the contract for additional periods of up to 3 years (2 +1). The total duration of the contract, including all extensions, cannot exceed 5 years.

This market engagement process do not form part of the formal procurement process.

When the formal procurement process commences any supplier may join the competition and all supplier bids will be evaluated on the same basis.

The contracting authority considers that this future opportunity may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

The future procurement exercise will be undertaken via Atamis system. Select this link to access and register your organisation to the Atamis system <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>, if you have not already done so. Registration is free of any charge.

To find this opportunity in the future, select "Find Opportunities" and then search by project number or title. Once you have found the Opportunity press the 'Register Interest' button to register your interest. This will make the project to appear on 'My proposals and

quotes'. From there you can review documents, send clarification messages, submit the tender documents, or decline to respond, if you decide not to participate in the procurement. Note that as there will be 3 separate procurements the project reference for each procurement will be quoted at the time of contract notice.

The completed questionnaire should be returned via email [ccsinbox@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:ccsinbox@dhsc.gov.uk) quoting 'MH approval Panels' no later than 2nd August 2024, 5pm.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Draft specifications and market engagement questionnaire can be found in here: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/4c456141-9b82-4f2d-a74c-809d91c447a2>

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

17 July 2024

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### **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