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## **NHSE1012 Merseyside Liaison and Diversion and RECONNECT Service Request for Information**

NHS England North West Health and Justice

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-022752

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04837d

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

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

NHS England North West Health and Justice

Regatta Place

Liverpool

L3 4BL

#### **Email**

[necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKD7 - Merseyside

## **NHS Organisation Data Service**

Q75

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.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 another address:

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS)

John Snow House, Durham University Science Park

County Durham

DH1 3YG

### **Email**

[necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net)

### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **Region code**

UKC - North East (England)

### **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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

NHSE1012 Merseyside Liaison and Diversion and RECONNECT Service Request for Information

Reference number

NHSE1012

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

- 85323000 - Community health 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 England North West Health and Justice Team (the Relevant Authority) and is managing this market engagement exercise for the provision of Merseyside Liaison and Diversion and RECONNECT Service.

The Relevant Authority is issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) as a Request for Information (RFI) to further engage with the market following the RFI published on 31 May 2024 (2024/S 000-017033). Since the publication of the initial RFI, the Relevant Authority have been made aware of a potential transition process being undertaken at one of the Prisons that this service will cover. The Relevant Authority would therefore like 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.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKD7 - Merseyside

### **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](mailto:support-health@atamis.co.uk)

Opening times 8am - 6pm

The RFI documentation will be accessible from Monday 22 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.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

13 September 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: Yes