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## **PIN for the Provision of a Special Allocation Scheme for NHS Bristol, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board**

NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

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

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

NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board

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Bristol

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#### **Contact**

Mark Stanbrook

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**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**

PIN for the Provision of a Special Allocation Scheme for NHS Bristol, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (herein referred to as BNSSG ICB) is considering a procurement exercise for the provision of a Special Allocation Scheme. The Special Allocation Scheme will provide services to those patients who have been removed from their registered Practice due to demonstrating behaviours that are unsafe for management in a usual Primary Care setting.

BNSSG ICB recognise the importance of strong primary care at the heart of our integrated care systems and are keen to engage with Providers who can demonstrate a willingness to deliver key design principles and equity of service offer e.g. improving access and promoting prevention and self-care, as part of core service delivery and using digital channels to provide health care online consultations.

This process is being managed by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit on behalf of BNSSG ICB.

If you are interested in this opportunity and would like to express interest, please register at <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Please address all communication for the attention of Mark Stanbrook, Lead Senior Procurement Manager (South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit).

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

Value excluding VAT: £875,380

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

BNSSG ICB is looking for expressions of interest in a protentional procurement for the Special Allocation Scheme (SAS) on an 8-year Alternative Provider Medical Service (APMS) contract with an option to extend for up to 2 years (total duration of 10 years). The current contract expires 30 June 2023. The successful Provider will need to provide the full range of primary medical services as per service specification from 01 July 2023, mobilising from January 2023.

The bidder will provide services to those patients who have been removed from their registered Practice due to demonstrating behaviours that are unsafe for management in a usual Primary Care setting, described in the NHS Primary Medical Care Policy Guidance Manual as below:

7.4.4.1 The Health Circular 2000/01 defined violence in the primary care context as:

7.4.4.2 "Any incident where a GP, or his or her staff, are abused, threatened or assaulted in circumstances related to their work, involving an explicit, or implicit, challenge to their safety, wellbeing, or health".

7.4.4.3 The main kinds of behaviour which are considered to bring a patient within the regulations covered by this guidance are (these are only intended to be used as a guide and therefore the list is not exhaustive):

7.4.5 Assault

7.4.6 Threatening behaviour

7.4.7 Behaviour resulting in damage to property

Patients remain on the service until they are deemed suitable for transfer to a normal Primary Care provider. The bidder will undertake regular patient assessments to identify patients suitable for transfer out of the scheme after the minimum term (12 months). The bidder will also be required to liaise with Primary Care Support England (PCSE) with regard to acceptance and transfer of patients in / out of local SAS provision and movement of patients into SAS schemes outside of BNSSG ICB.

The bidder will be required to provide a mixture of face to face and remote appointments from sites located in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire working in line with the service specification.

The procurement supports the BNSSG ICB aims for Primary Medical Services, including:

- Developing sustainable and resilient GP services, serving natural communities within strong PCNs alongside wider community services

- Addressing health inequalities to ensure health services are equitable, addressing the specific needs of our most deprived communities
- Delivering health and social care services to the people including those with mental health needs, learning difficulties, language barriers or drug and alcohol addiction
- Supporting people to stay well and promoting patient self-care
- Ensuring those who go to hospital can go home faster with community support
- Continuing to modernise care and treatment, designing it around patients

The number of patients on the scheme fluctuates between a range of 50 to 70 throughout the duration of the contract. The contract value is £87,538 per annum. This is not subject to quarterly list size adjustments, Global Sum or Out of Hours adjustments. In addition, it will be possible for the Provider to sign up to Local Enhanced Services as offered by the Commissioner.

This process is being managed by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner(s).

This notice is an information gathering exercise rather than a call for competition in its own right, and therefore publication or response does not commit BNSSG ICB or NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Unit or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest. This notice is to establish what interest there might be in providing such a service from suitably qualified, capable and competent organisations.

BNSSG ICB or NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Unit or respondents will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise. Interested parties should note that a response to this notice does not guarantee an automatic invitation to any subsequent formal procurement, which the commissioners will consider in due course.

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

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but is instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

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

19 August 2022

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## Section VI. Complementary information

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Interested providers will be able to view this notice via the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-procurement system, Atamis, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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Any future tendering process will be conducted in accordance with the requirements and flexibilities provided by Articles 74 to 76 of the Directive, and Regulations 74 to 76 of the Regulations. The Authority will run a transparent tender process, treating all Bidders equally. For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority will not be bound by the Regulations or any other regulations or legislation except for the specific parts or circumstances that apply to the procurement of these Services.

Neither the inclusion of a Bidder selection stage, nor the use of any language or terms found in the Directive or Regulations, nor the description of the procedure voluntarily adopted by the Authority ("Open", "Restricted", "Competitive Procedure with Negotiation", "Competitive Dialogue" or any other description), nor any other indication, shall be taken to mean that the Authority intends to hold itself bound by the Directive or Regulations, save by the provisions applicable to services coming within the scope of Annex XIV of the Directive / Schedule 3 of the Regulations.