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Planning

Market Engagement Provision of a Norfolk Adult Autism Diagnostic Service

NHS Norfolk & Waveney Integrated Care Board

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.improvinglivesnw.org.uk/about-us/our-nhs-integrated-care-board-icb/icb-contact/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.improvinglivesnw.org.uk/about-us/our-nhs-integrated-care-board-icb/icb-contact/>

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

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Market Engagement Provision of a Norfolk Adult Autism Diagnostic Service

Reference number

NW2024-71

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to express their interest in delivering a Norfolk Adult Autism Diagnostic

The purpose of this advert is to invite the market to engage, provide feedback on the draft specification and register for 1:1 market engagement sessions on Thursday 1st August 2024.

The deadline for expressing interest in attending the Market Engagement event is 17:00 on 30th July 2024.

Please note this is a market testing exercise and does not commit the ICBs to carry out any further procurement process. Current services will remain in place during this period in line with existing contracts and service level agreements. Any future opportunity will be advertised in accordance with the regulations.

The Contracting Authority will be using an eTendering system for this market testing exercise. Further information and the expression of interest documentation can be found via the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-procurement system at the following link: <https://health-family-contract-search.secure.force.com/?searchtype=Projects>. You can search for the opportunity by entering the following contract ref C296760.

The proposed contract will be for a period of 2 years with the option to extend for up to an

additional 1 year.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,443,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia

Main site or place of performance

Norfolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The key aims and objectives include the following:

To engage with autistic people and the market to commission a diagnosis and support model that aims to meet the needs of autistic people while they are waiting for an adult autism diagnosis and enables clinicians post diagnosis to recommend evidence-based interventions to improve communication, behaviour and welling outcomes.

The commissioning process will define quality with alignment to local and national standards, policy and guidance. It will include the process to measure and monitor the quality of assessments, while ensuring sustainability of the service.

This service is jointly funded by health and social care with an expectation that the ICB will lead the contract from 1 April 2025. Both health and social care colleagues will work collaboratively to legally hand the contract over and onto health terms and conditions by 1 April 2025. Through good integration the aims is to deliver clearer access and seamless pathways, improve patients experience and achieve better wellbeing outcomes with a reduction in health inequalities.

The project aims to exploit digital technology, identify innovative opportunities, promote social value and secure value for money, through listening and understanding the market and building on existing good relationships demonstrating leadership and good governance arrangements.

The aim of this Expression of Interest is to;

1. provide the market with visibility of the proposed opportunity;
2. support the ICB decision making to inform the future commissioning of services (as applicable);
3. to help define the future service approach, model and timelines;
4. to gauge the level of interest from the market of capable providers with capacity across the region to deliver the services noted above.
5. Invite interested Providers to attend 1:1 Market Engagement sessions to provide feedback on Thursday 1st August 2024.

A further advertisement will be issued at the appropriate time. You will not be disadvantaged in any subsequent process if you choose not to respond to this market testing process, but the Commissioner wishes to understand your views.

Registration to attend the market engagement event closes 17:00 hours 30th July 2024.

Please note this is a market testing exercise and does not commit the ICB to carry out any further procurement process. Current services will remain in place during this period in line with existing contracts and service level agreements. Any future opportunity will be carried out in accordance with the ICB's procurement obligations under the Provider Selection Regime.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 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