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Planning

Non-Emergency Patient Transport

NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://www.kentandmedway.icb.nhs.uk/>

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

Non-Emergency Patient Transport

Reference number

C297849

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This advert is for market engagement only

NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board intends to undertake a procurement process for the provision of non-emergency patient transport services.

The commissioner has published this Prior Information Notice to support market engagement only at this stage.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board intends to undertake a procurement process for the provision of non-emergency patient transport services. The aim of the Kent and Medway Non-Emergency Patient Transport Service is to provide non-urgent, planned transportation of eligible Kent and Medway patients with a medical need for transport to and from premises providing NHS healthcare, and/or between providers of NHS-funded healthcare. This encompasses a wide range of vehicle types and levels of care consistent with the patients' medical needs. The service consists of journeys for patients requiring renal dialysis, outpatient appointments, transfers and discharges. The service is critical to support patients and to ensure that health services can work effectively and on time by transporting patients to healthcare appointments and supporting hospital discharges.

The model is based on a single point of access where journey requests are made directly by patients/carers and or appropriate healthcare professionals.

The geographical scope of this contract includes the transport of all Kent and Medway patients to points of care within Kent, Medway, Bromley, Bexley and also King's College Hospital and Guy's and St Thomas' (GSTT) hospital sites.

The Transport Provider will ensure that patients access their hospital treatment on time and that the wider system has timely access to patient transport that supports patient care and flow.

The contract duration is expected to be 5 years with an option to extend once for a period of 3-years.

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The objective of this engagement is to help the commissioner finalise the service model and procurement strategy.

Providers are invited to attend a virtual market engagement event which will focus on the service specification/requirements and an overview of the procurement process. The event is scheduled for 2nd September at 9.30am. Providers will also be invited to schedule 1:1 meetings with the commissioner following this event to further discuss the service model and procurement strategy. Further event details will be communicated to registered providers.

Providers are asked to complete a short questionnaire as part of the registration process.

The service that this Prior Information Notice (PIN) relates is within scope of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR). The Commissioner(s) and AGCSU are bound only by the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 do not apply. The Commissioner does not bind itself to commencing or running any public procurement procedure further to, or as

a result of, this market engagement. Any subsequent procurement, if undertaken, will be commenced by way of a separate call for competition via a relevant notice published in Find a Tender. Any and all information/documents are draft and subject to change.

II.2.14) Additional information

To register to attend the event and access further details please go to the following <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>, register on the system as appropriate, access project Ref No. C297849 Non-Emergency Patient Transport Service Market Engagement- Kent & Medway' and complete the short questionnaire to register your attendance.

Please register by 5pm on 23.08.2024

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

7 October 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