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Planning

## **Expressions of Interest for the Provision of Diabetic Eye Screening Programme in Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country (West Midlands)**

NHS England and NHS Improvement - Midlands

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKG - West Midlands (England)

**National registration number**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/midlands/>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=agcsu>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=agcsu>

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

Expressions of Interest for the Provision of Diabetic Eye Screening Programme in Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country (West Midlands)

Reference number

AG200629

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands CSU on behalf of NHS England and NHS Improvement-Midlands (the Commissioner) would like to notify the market of an opportunity to provide a Diabetic Eye Screening Programme (DESP) in Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country (West Midlands). The commissioner is looking at an estimated total contract value of £28,898,100 with a service commencement date of 1 October 2022. The contract will be offered for a duration of 5 years with the commissioner having the option to extend for up to a further 2 years (maximum contract duration 7 years). The Commissioner is also seeking market input to support the development of its proposal prior to publication of the formal procurement opportunity. If your organisation wishes to contribute please register against Quote/tender 46323 in EU Supply (<https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=agcsu>) and complete and return the short questionnaire, no later than 10am on Monday 18 October 2021.

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

### II.2) Description

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG32 - Solihull
- UKG31 - Birmingham
- UKG3 - West Midlands

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

The aims of the DESP is to reduce the risk of sight loss amongst people with diabetes by the prompt identification and effective treatment if necessary, of sight threatening diabetic retinopathy, at the appropriate stage during the disease process.

The Service being commissioned should align to the National Diabetic Eye Screening Service Specification which aims to ensure a consistent and equitable approach across England, and to govern the provision and monitoring of the DESP. The current eligible cohort size circa 200,000.

The Service will need to undertake and perform the following objectives in order to meet the commissioning and Service Specification requirements:

- Identify the eligible population and ensure effective delivery with maximum coverage.
- Deliver safe, effective, high quality, externally and independently monitored, and quality assured Diabetic Eye Screening Programme.
- Lead to earlier detection, appropriate referral, effective treatment and improved outcomes.
- Deliver and support thorough suitably trained, competent, and qualified, clinical and non-clinical staff who, where relevant, participate in recognised ongoing continuing medical education (CME), continuous Professional Development (CPD), and Quality Assurance (QA) schemes; as well as have regular audits embedded within the service.

The provision of DESP is delivered in line with the following aims of the NHS long term plan

- Improve public health outcomes and reduce health inequalities.
- Contribute to a more sustainable public health, health and care system.

The DESP programme also contributes to the public health outcomes framework which aims to improve and protect the nation's health and wellbeing and to improve the health of the poorest, fastest.

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Please note that this market assessment exercise has been designed to allow the market visibility of the proposed opportunity and support early engagement.

The aim of the exercise is to;

1. Support the Commissioners informed decision making on the potential options for the future commissioning of these services;
2. To help refine the commissioning and procurement approach;
3. To gauge the level of interest from the market of capable providers with capacity to deliver the services illustrated above.

This is a market testing exercise and does not commit the Commissioners to carry out a procurement process. Current services will remain in place during this period in line with existing contracts and service level agreements.

It is anticipated that the Invitation to Tender for this opportunity will be published in November 2021. This is purely an early engagement exercise; any subsequent procurement will be advertised separately and all organisations wanting to participate will need to respond to the procurement advertisement as and when published.

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

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

2 November 2021

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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