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Planning

Expressions of Interest for the Provision of Urgent Dental Care in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire (excluding Bassetlaw)

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire 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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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

Expressions of Interest for the Provision of Urgent Dental Care in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire (excluding Bassetlaw)

Reference number

AG24012

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85131000 - Dental-practice services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU) on behalf of NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (The Commissioner) is placing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) regarding Urgent Dental Care across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire (excluding Bassetlaw) which will be used as a conduit to obtain feedback from the market to ascertain market capability and interest in the opportunity.

Commissioners would like to invite feedback from potential bidders on the commissioning proposal for the provision of Urgent Dental Care across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire (excluding Bassetlaw). The feedback aims to achieve several critical objectives:

- **Assessing Market Capability:** Understanding the capability of the market is essential for the commissioners to ensure that the proposed services can be delivered efficiently and effectively. Feedback from providers will help identify any potential challenges or gaps in the market, allowing for adjustments to be made to the procurement strategy or service requirements.
- **Gauge Interest Levels:** The feedback process is a crucial step in measuring the level of interest among potential bidders. This information helps in planning the procurement process, ensuring sufficient competition, and potentially identifying innovative approaches or solutions from different providers.

- **Ensuring Compliance and Quality:** By soliciting feedback, the commissioners can ensure that the proposed services will meet all necessary regulatory and quality standards.
- **Reducing A&E Attendances:** The feedback aims to refine the urgent dental care services in a way that reduces inappropriate attendances at Accident & Emergency departments. By improving access to urgent dental care, the overall healthcare system becomes more efficient, relieving pressure on emergency services.
- **Improving Patient Care:** The ultimate goal of this feedback is to ensure that the services provided are safe, caring, appropriate, and accessible. By incorporating feedback from potential providers, the commissioners aim to deliver a high standard of care that meets the needs of the population.
- **Integrated Health Care Approach:** Feedback will also help in ensuring that the urgent dental care service integrates seamlessly with other unscheduled health care services. This includes providing advice, care, and treatment via NHS 111, ensuring a cohesive approach to urgent health care delivery.

Commissioners will be looking to hold a market engagement event on the 2nd September 2024, and invites will be shared with those that express an interest via the e-tendering portal. If your organisation is interested in attending this event, then please respond to the questions on Atamis and register your interest in attending this webinar by 12.00pm on Friday 23rd August 2024 by following the instructions given below.

MS Teams link for the event will be shared by email to relevant attendees on Friday 30th August 2024.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF1 - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The aims of the Urgent Dental Service are:

- To deliver unscheduled dental care services providing assessment and treatment for

patients with a variety of non-life-threatening dental conditions to the population of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

- To reduce inappropriate attendances at A & E.
- To ensure services are provided in a safe, caring, appropriate and accessible environment.
- To contribute the dental element of an integrated unscheduled health care service by providing advice, care and treatment to patients via NHS 111 using administrative, nursing, medical and dental professionals.

The Urgent Dental Service will comply with relevant regulations and statutory instruments including:

- The National Health Service (Personal Dental Services Agreements) Regulations 2005
- The National Health Service (Dental Charges) Regulations 2005
- The Mental Capacity Act 2005

The Urgent Dental Service will comply with local policies, procedures and guidelines developed collaboratively through the Dental Local Professional Network as these succeed and build on extant policies of the predecessor organisation, including:

- Local oral health strategies and oral health promotion strategies or the equivalent
- NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB and NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICBs commissioning strategies for primary care and specialist services or the equivalent
- Local dental referral protocols

The Urgent Dental Service will also comply with any new national policy and guidance as it is issued and will meet the requirements of the Care Quality Commission.

Nottingham & Nottinghamshire ICB are acting as the lead commissioner for this opportunity on behalf of Derby & Derbyshire ICB.

The commissioner is placing a Prior Information Notice (PIN) which will be used as a conduit to obtain feedback from the market to ascertain market capability and interest in the opportunity.

By following the relevant access details below Providers will be able to access the project on Atamis where they can register their interest for the webinar which is scheduled to take place on Monday 2nd September 2024.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

6 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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is purely an early engagement exercise and does not commit the commissioners to carry out a procurement process. 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.

Current services will remain in place during this period in line with existing contracts. The procurement will be advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 will not apply to this award.

The Contracting Authority will be using an e-Tendering system for this PIN. To access the documentation and respond to the relevant PIN questionnaire please go to:

'Live Opportunities' list on the e-tendering portal at the following link:

<https://atamis-1928.my.salesforce-sites.com/?SearchType=Projects> and respond to the question set.

You can search for the opportunity by entering the following contract reference: C296185 - EOI: Provision of Urgent Dental Care in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

Please note that this PIN closes at 12:00pm Friday 23rd August 2024 and registrations for the Market Engagement event must be made by this date and time.