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# Adult Specialised Service for People Living with HIV (Provided in Suffolk)

NHS England

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

# I.1) Name and addresses

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**United Kingdom** 

### Region code

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.england.nhs.uk//

Buyer's address

https://www.england.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

Adult Specialised Service for People Living with HIV (Provided in Suffolk)

#### 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 Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU), on behalf of NHS England Specialised Commissioning (referred to as the Commissioner), is undertaking a market engagement exercise to understand the current and future capacity and capability of potential providers within this specialised area.

This notice is to advise prospective providers in the market of the commissioner's intention to commission this service and to provide an opportunity to engage with and participate in a

market engagement questionnaire.

The outcome of this market engagement will help inform commissioners of the current and future capacity and capability of the market and will be considered to inform the commissioning approach.

Participation to this market engagement will close at 12pm (noon), 23 August 2024.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £5,200,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No.

#### II.2) Description

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKH14 - Suffolk

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

NHS England would like to identify providers who are interested in the provision of an Adult Specialised Service for People Living with HIV (Provided in Suffolk) in line with the <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/New-HIV-prescribed-service-specification-version-4.4.pdf">https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/New-HIV-prescribed-service-specification-version-4.4.pdf</a>.

The aim of Specialised HIV Services for Adults (Outpatient and Inpatient Services) is to provide specialist assessment and ongoing management of HIV and associated conditions to support patients to stay well (reduced mortality and morbidity) and to reduce the risk of onward transmission of HIV. The service aims to ensure that the outcomes, wellbeing, and quality of life of adults with HIV are maximised.

HIV services are open access and any adults with a diagnosis of HIV can self-refer to a provider of their choice, regardless of their UK address. Any service diagnosing HIV in adults can refer to any specialised HIV service provider. Residential custodial settings and secure mental health care providers may have specific referral pathways in place.

HIV Specialised services will work to reduce morbidity and mortality, improve the experience of people living with HIV and work collaboratively across the whole pathway of care to reduce HIV transmissions.

HIV services are specialised services commissioned by NHS England on behalf of ICBs. Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services are commissioned by Local Authorities. Whilst some of the elements of the two services are relatively discrete, there is significant overlap in others. Commissioners recognise the benefits of integrating Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services and HIV services.

The Commissioner therefore seeks a service model that fosters close collaborative working with the commissioned provider of SRH services.

Please note that services need to be accessible to patients residing in Suffolk.

The service is expected to commence in May 2025.

It is anticipated that the Service provision is expected to have an annual value of £1.85m. This value includes the provision of High Cost Anti-Retroviral (ARV) drugs, which are valued at circa. £1.2m per annum.

The anticipated contract duration for this service is 4 years, with the Commissioner having the option to extend the contract up to a further 2 + 2 year(s) (maximum contract duration

8years).

Documentation relating to this exercise including a questionnaire is available through the Atamis (Health Family) portal. To register your interest and access the questionnaire, please

follow this link to the Atamis (HealthFamily) portal: https://healthfamily.force.com/s/Welcome.

The project reference is C295241 and the closing date for submission of the completed questionnaire is: 12pm (noon) 23 August 2024.

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

30 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