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## **NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Perinatal Mental Health Non-Statutory Community redesigned Services**

NHS Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (ICB)

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

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**Region code**

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Perinatal Mental Health Non-Statutory Community redesigned Services

Reference number

C295214 / WA16991

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

- 1) This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to inform the market of Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board's (BNSSG ICB's) (the Commissioner's), intention to commission their redesigned non-statutory community perinatal mental health services. The Commissioner would like to understand the level of provider interest in delivering these services.
- 2) Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (BNSSG ICB) (the Commissioner) is seeking to secure a Prime Provider who has the capability and capacity to deliver non-statutory community perinatal mental health services, in line with the specified requirements. The Commissioner confirms that whilst they are seeking a Prime Provider, they welcome partnerships, consortiums and/or sub-contractual models, which is at Bidders' discretion.
- 3) The geography covered is that of NHS BNSSG ICB, namely the counties of Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. A single lot is proposed for the total procurement area.
- 4) The contract duration will be confirmed ahead of the formal invitation to tender (ITT) being issued. It is likely to be from 1st October 2025 for 5 years with potential extension options not yet defined. The extension options will be confirmed ahead of the formal invitation to tender (ITT) being issued.

5) The proposed model will be underpinned by:

- A holistic approach. This will require a set of broad-based interventions that recognise and engage with the social determinants of poor perinatal mental health (socio-economic, relational, cultural and inequality-based factors that can negatively impact women's mental health during pregnancy and in the early years of their child's life). This will include issues relating to housing, welfare rights, relationships with partners, neighbourhood/community support etc.
- The principles of equality and inclusion: recognising women's experience of discrimination and exclusion and shaping service provision to meet the needs of different groups.
- The principle of supporting women close to home and in their local area.
- Community outreach. Specific targeted outreach and support to groups and/or communities that are typically underserved by mental health services, early parenting support etc in order to promote better access. This will include targeted outreach to areas with high levels of socio-economic deprivation, different ethnic minority communities, LGBTQ+, disabled and other women who face evidenced health inequalities and other forms of discrimination.

6) In the contract lifetime a range of potential changes are foreseeable, including but not limited to:

- An increase in need (increased prevalence of women requiring interventions for moderate perinatal mental health need)
- Changes in evidence for the most effective interventions to support women with moderate perinatal mental health need
- A change in local population and demographics

7) TUPE elements are likely to apply. However given the nature of these services being redesigned, the TUPE information will be confirmed ahead of the formal invitation to tender (ITT) being issued.

8) Total combined maximum contract value will be confirmed ahead of the formal invitation to tender (ITT) being issued. It is likely to be in the region of £217,000 per annum.

This exercise is being carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner.

## **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

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

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2) NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (BNSSG ICB) (the Commissioner) is seeking to secure a Prime Provider who has the capability and capacity to deliver their non-statutory community perinatal mental health services, in line with the specified requirements. The Commissioner confirms that whilst they are seeking a Prime Provider, they welcome partnerships, consortiums and/or sub-contractual models, which is at Bidders' discretion.

3) The geography covered is that of NHS BNSSG ICB, namely the counties of Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. The proposed model will be underpinned by:

- A holistic approach which will require a set of broad-based interventions that recognise and engage with the social determinants of poor perinatal mental health (socio-economic, relational, cultural and inequality-based factors that can negatively impact women's mental health during pregnancy and in the early years of their child's life). This will include issues relating to housing, welfare rights, relationships with partners, neighbourhood/community support etc.
- The principles of equality and inclusion: recognising women's experience of discrimination and exclusion and shaping service provision to meet the needs of different groups.
- The principle of supporting women close to home and in their local area.
- Community outreach. Specific targeted outreach and support to groups and/or communities that are typically underserved by mental health services, early parenting support etc in order to promote better access. This will include targeted outreach to areas

with high levels of socio-economic deprivation, different ethnic minority communities, LGBTQ+, disabled and other women who face evidenced health inequalities and other forms of discrimination.

4) 5-year contract starting on 1st October 2025, with potential extension options not yet defined. The extension options will be confirmed ahead of the formal invitation to tender (ITT) being issued.

5) TUPE elements are likely to apply. However given the nature of these services being redesigned, the TUPE information will be confirmed ahead of the formal invitation to tender (ITT) being issued.

6) It is possible that over the lifetime of the contract there may be

- An increase in need (increased prevalence of women requiring interventions for moderate perinatal mental health need)
- Changes in evidence for the most effective interventions to support women with moderate perinatal mental health need
- A change in local population and demographics

7) Total contract value is expected to be in the region of £217,000 per annum.

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

1 June 2025

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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: No

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

This notice is an information gathering exercise rather than a call for competition in its own right, and therefore publication or response does not commit the Authority or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest. The Authority will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise.

Interested providers will be able to view this opportunity via the live opportunities list on the 'Health Family' e-procurement system, Atamis. Click on 'View our Live Opportunities' from the home page, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

You will find the project titled: BNSSG ICB - Perinatal Mental Health Non-Statutory Community redesign - MEE with the Atamis reference C295214.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page.

If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before gaining full access to the documentation.

It is the Commissioners intention to hold a market engagement event in the week commencing 23rd September 2024 with all parties who have registered their interest. An invitation to this in person event will be issued directly to you once you have registered on the Atamis portal.

The intention is to award a contract using the competitive process.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) prior information notice. The contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply.