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Tender

Termination of Pregnancy Service NHS Norfolk and Waveney ICB

NHS Norfolk & Waveney Integrated Care Board

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Norfolk & Waveney Integrated Care Board

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.improvinglivesnw.org.uk/about-us/our-nhs-integrated-care-board-icb/icb-contact/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.improvinglivesnw.org.uk/about-us/our-nhs-integrated-care-board-icb/icb-contact/>

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

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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

Termination of Pregnancy Service NHS Norfolk and Waveney ICB

Reference number

NW2024-72

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Norfolk and Waveney ICB seek expressions of interest for the provision of a Termination of Pregnancy Service.

The aim of this service is to ensure that all women and people who are pregnant in Norfolk and Waveney have access to evidence-based, quality abortion advice and care in line with existing national guidance.

Core aims:

- To improving access
- To minimising waiting times with no unnecessary delay
- To give choice of procedure & location
- To ensuring privacy and convenience
- To reducing stigma
- To following evidence-based pathways that deliver safe and effective care

Patients can expect that:

All providers must be registered by the relevant independent healthcare regulators (CQC in England, HIW in Wales) and are accountable to them for delivery of care to Fundamental Standards (CQC) and Health and Care Standards (HIW).

Providers must ensure patients can receive the full range of services and must not “cherry-pick” cases so as to undermine local services. Where a provider does not provide

a particular service within an ICS / Health Board area, the patient must be informed that they may need to travel to access this type of care and about all the alternative choices available locally.

Providers should act collaboratively to ensure care pathways are seamless, and always put the patient's interests first by directing them to services that best fit their needs.

The proposed contract will be for a period of 3 years with the option to extend for an additional 2 years. The anticipated contract value is circa £1,800,000 per annum.

To apply for this opportunity please register via the Atamis e-sourcing portal <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. Project C298776

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £9,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia

Main site or place of performance

Norfolk and Waveney

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Providers will offer a full range of abortion services, either themselves or in collaboration with other providers.

The pathway will include provision of:

- Direct access to the service via self-referral, without need for medical referral. Patients should not have any restrictions in their choice of provider and can opt for a service that is not the most local (e.g. to access lower waiting times, choice owing to a past good or poor experience, to receive care in a different location).

- Assessment by phone or video call or face-to-face according to preference, and treatment in a range of settings including in the community and through no-test telemedicine abortion where appropriate. If patients prefer a face-to face assessment, this should be available locally.
- Medical or surgical abortion up to 24 weeks' gestation.
- For early medical abortion, to have the option of expulsion at home.
- Surgical abortion available at all gestations up to 24 weeks, with availability of local anaesthesia and conscious sedation.
- These choices should be available to all patient groups, including young people (i.e. under 18 and those aged under 25 in local authority care).
- Not all choices will be available at all locations, and travel may be necessary to access more complex care options (e.g. later gestation, general anaesthesia)
- Assessment within 1 week of the request
- Provide the abortion within 1 week of the assessment for women who decide to go ahead with an abortion.
- Gynaecology care, with more complex care (e.g. later gestations or co-morbidities) will be delivered by regional or, in the most complex cases, national centres.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £9,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

5 September 2024

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 30 November 2024

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

5 September 2024

Local time

1:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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