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DHSC: NIHR Research Commissioning and Management services

Department of Health and Social Care

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DHSC: NIHR Research Commissioning and Management services

Reference number

C292360

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) funds the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR).

NIHR research drives better health outcomes and grows the economy through:

Impact - delivering R&D focused on needs and priorities of the health and care system, improving the health and wealth of patients and the public.

Investment - using R&D to drive the country's life sciences sector and technical advantage, making the UK an international competitive world leader.

Innovation - utilising R&D to invest in foundational underpinning science, facilities, talent and capacity building across the health and care workforce.

Inclusion - embedding R&D across the health and care system, improving access to new treatments, and developing interventions for adoption across our population.

Currently the day-to-day operations of the NIHR are carried out by two coordinating centres:

- the NIHR Coordinating Centre (NIHRCC)
- the Research Delivery Network Coordinating Centre (RDNCC)

This opportunity is for the re-procurement of four of the five contracts/Service level agreements that currently make up the NIHRCC:

- NIHR Evaluations, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre (NETSCC)
- Central Commissioning Facility (CCF)
- NIHR Office for Clinical Research Infrastructure (NOCRI)
- NIHR Academy

Details of the specific services delivered under each contract can be found in the accompanying attachment but in brief, the purpose of these contracts is to:

- Manage the end-to-end commissioning of NIHR's research funding programmes.
- Manage NIHR's research infrastructure.
- Manage the end-to-end commissioning of NIHR's research academic training, career development and capacity building programmes.
- Manage several cross-NIHR activities including:
 - o Communication, business intelligence and impact functions
 - o Research inclusion and sustainability functions
 - o Supporting the life science sector, charities and other organisations to utilise NIHR's infrastructure.

It is anticipated that these services will be split into 6 different lots under the re-procurement:

Lot 1 – Strategic Business Services

Lot 2 – Research Commissioning: Individual level and Global Health Programmes

Lot 3 – Research Commissioning: Individual level and Global Health Programmes

Lot 4 – Research Infrastructure Commissioning: Translational and delivery

Lot 5 – Research Infrastructure Commissioning: Applied, public health and social care

Lot 6 – Research commissioning: Training and capacity building

Further information regarding the services under each lot can be found in the RFI attachment.

Please note that the proposed lotting structure is not final and is subject to change.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2024/S 000-025160](#)

Section VII. Changes

VII.1) Information to be changed or added

VII.2) Other additional information

Documents for this RFI can be found as attachments by following this link:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/a97ca1ee-d612-4a09-b459-1906bca26227>