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Planning

EARLY SUPPLIER INVOLVEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING SERVICES WITHIN CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH.

NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICB - part of ICS

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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

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**

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICB would like to invite providers to attend an Early Supplier Involvement event which will inform the market of the Commissioners intentions to procure their Children's Safeguarding Services, this includes Children in Care Health Assessments and also Child Protection Medicals service, and Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) co-ordination service within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Please note that registration for this event does not constitute as registration for the full procurement process. The Commissioner will advertise the full procurement separately via Find a Tender websites. The intention is to publish the full procurement in September 2024 and interested parties will need to register for this. The new service is planned to commence on 1st July 2025.

The Commissioner is developing the specifications and estimated activity/ budget for their Child Protection Medical Service, Children in Care Health Assessments and MASH co-ordination service and values Providers' expert insights and feedback on the future service. The information and rationale that you provide may be used to support the service specifications' final content.

This Early Supplier Involvement will take place on 22nd August 2024 at 1pm for one hour.

The Commissioner will also be providing, for providers who attend the Early Supplier Involvement event, the opportunity to meet individually with the intention to discuss:

- How the model could be delivered most effectively.
- Any lessons learnt and/or challenges the provider has experience of,
- Future expectations of these services,
- A chance to raise any other area you see as relevant.
- An opportunity to ask questions, if these can please be provided by midday 24th August to give the commissioners time to put the responses together.

The sessions will be agreed on an individual basis and will take place on the morning of 28th

August, each slot will be for a maximum of 1 hour.

The Commissioner will take suitable notes to inform the commissioning of these decisions, but the discussions and any intelligence shared with the ICB will be treated as private and confidential. The questions and responses from individual sessions will be distributed to all providers, unless the provider indicated the question is of a commercially sensitive nature

If you are interested in attending the virtual event, please register by emailing cpicb.contracting@nhs.net with the following details no later than 5pm on the 20th August 2024;

- Name of delegates
- Job title of delegates
- Organisation details, including address
- Delegate email address and telephone number.
- Identifying which event you would like to attend (ESI or ESI and Individual)

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75122000 - Administrative healthcare services
- 85121291 - Paediatric services
- 85141000 - Services provided by medical personnel
- 85148000 - Medical analysis services
- 85323000 - Community health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As the responsible commissioners, NHS C&P ICB is responsible for ensuring all children and young people within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, including those who are looked after by the Local Authority irrespective of placement type and location, reach their optimum health and wellbeing.

Children in Care Assessments

When informed by the Local Authority, that a child or young person has become looked after, the provider will be required to co-ordinate, and fulfil statutory responsibilities, including health assessments, for those who are placed (hosted) within the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough area on behalf of other local authorities, if this is indicated as required by the originating local authority/health team.

The Statutory Guidance on Promoting the health and well-being of Looked after Children (Department for Education DfE, Department of Health DH, 2015) is the primary document which sets out the requirements to be met. The overarching principle of the guidance is that as corporate parents, those involved in providing services for Looked after Children, should be striving for children to be happy, healthy and to reach their full potential, ensuring that Looked after Children receive the care and support they need to thrive.

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

A MASH team comprises of a group of practitioners (local authority, police, health services etc). It operates based on a 'sealed' intelligence hub, with clear information sharing protocols, giving partners the confidence and trust to engage fully in effective multi-agency working. By combining the information held by the full range of agencies working with a child or family, the MASH process allows practitioners to build up a fuller picture of an individual child's circumstances and history before deciding the most appropriate course of action to keep them safe.

The MASH process was strongly endorsed by the Ofsted report, 'Good Practice by Local Safeguarding Children Boards' and 'The Munro Review of Child Protection' 2011 alongside Sections 10 and 11 of The Children Act 2004

The provider will be required to effectively co-operate with health agencies providing a consistent and timely health information sharing response to enable all MASH partners to make efficient and appropriate multi-agency decisions to safeguard vulnerable children.

Additionally, the provider will be a single point of contact for health for all strategy discussion requests from children's social care and the police and to identify and co-ordinate the most relevant health agency to attend.

Child Protection Medicals

The child protection medical service is a consultant led clinic service based within Cambridgeshire & Peterborough that contributes to safeguarding children and young people through the provision of specialist paediatric medical examinations that assist in the identification and assessment of child abuse. This includes all appropriate investigations e.g. blood tests, skeletal survey, CT brain, and medical photography. The child protection medical assessment will take place as part of a child protection inquiry following a joint decision occurring between Children's Services and the Paediatric Consultant. The outcome of the assessment will provide a medical opinion to inform the multiagency planning process regarding the significance of findings. Medical reports and legal statements will also support this process.

II.2.14) Additional information

Further Guidance

Although the ICB is conducting this market engagement exercise, it is under no obligation to take up any suggestions from providers.

All details provided by the ICB are in draft format, the ICB reserves the right to change or amend any aspect of the requirement prior to any potential future procurement exercise.

This notice is issued subject to Provider Selection Regime regulations. Please note that any subsequent contract emanating from this notice will be subject to 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 any future award.

Right to Cancel

NHS C&P ICB reserves the right to discontinue the procurement process at any time, which shall include the right not to award a contract or contracts and does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender, or any tender received, and reserves the right to award a contract in part, or to call for new tenders should it consider this necessary. NHS C&P ICB shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any candidate or tenderer in connection with the completion and return of the information requested in this Prior Information Notice, or in the completion or submission of any tender, irrespective of the outcome of the competition or if the competition is cancelled or postponed. All dates, time periods and values specified in this notice are provisional and NHS C&P ICB reserves the right to change these.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

26 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