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## **Children & Young People's Community Based Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Services for NHS Devon**

NHS Devon Integrated Care Board

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**

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**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QJK

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://devon.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

Children & Young People's Community Based Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Services for NHS Devon

Reference number

C295215 / WA16800

#### 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 NHS Devon Integrated Care Board's (ICBs) ("the Commissioner"), intention to commission children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health services. The Commissioner would like to understand the level of provider interest in delivering these services.

2.) It may be that a single provider is unable to deliver all elements within the Commissioner's requirement and therefore partnership working may be required. A single NHS standard contract to deliver children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health services, in line with the specified requirements is being considered. The Commissioner is seeking to place a single contract, they welcome partnerships, consortiums and/or sub-contractual models, which is at Bidders' discretion.

3.) The geography covered is the NHS Devon footprint and aligns to the three Local Authority footprints of Plymouth, Devon and Torbay.

4.) The contract duration will be confirmed ahead of any formal invitation to tender (ITT) being issued. It is likely be between 2 and 7 years. At present the anticipated start date of the contract will be 01/07/2025.

5.) The proposed model includes digital provision, delivery of evidence-based interventions and a youth work-based approach.

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

- The geographical coverage of the 'targeted' provision maybe adjusted or additional geographical areas added.
- The inclusion criteria to access the provision maybe adjusted between 0-25 years.
- The access requirements maybe increased, such that the provision is asked to expand its offer, in relation to specific components, or across the totality of the provision, to enable access to more children and young people.
- The commissioners may change to include a range of other partners including but not limited to Local Authorities and schools.

Any or all of the above changes would be associated with a need to vary the contract and maybe associated with additional investment.

7.) TUPE may apply. Any 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 any formal invitation to tender (ITT) being issued. It is likely to be between £2.5M and £10.5M.

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.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85312500 - Rehabilitation services

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

NUTS codes

- UKK4 - Devon

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

## Overview:

This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to inform the market of NHS Devon Integrated Care Board's (ICBs) ("the Commissioner"), intention to commission children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health services. The Commissioner would like to understand the level of provider interest in delivering these services.

NHS Devon ICB is seeking to secure a single NHS standard contract to deliver children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health services, in line with the specified requirements. The contract model to deliver the provision may be determined by the potential provider(s).

The geography covered is the NHS Devon footprint which aligns to the three Local Authority footprints of Plymouth, Devon and Torbay.

## Outline of services / main requirements:

The Children & Young People's Community Based Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Service is a bundle of offers which are being consolidated into a single requirement to enhance and expand the current provision.

The offers will include provision targeted across the 'getting advice' and 'getting help' segments of the THRIVE framework and will include both digital and face to face components. The service is to be targeted towards children and young people aged 11-18 years old who are registered to a GP practice or who otherwise ordinarily reside within the NHS Devon footprint and for whom NHS Devon are the Responsible Commissioner.

It is anticipated that the service offers will include:

- Evidence based face to face therapeutic mental health interventions delivered to children and young people across Devon
- Evidence based digital therapeutic mental health interventions delivered to children and young people across Devon
- Evidence informed face to face advice, guidance and networking support in the form of 'youth work' offered to children and young people in targeted communities in Devon with emotional wellbeing and mental health needs operating a 'young person first approach' aligned with the principles and framework of the National Youth Agency.
- Evidence informed digital advice guidance and networking support offered to children and young people across Devon.

This offer is intended to support the following:

Young People Outcomes:

- Increased hope & wellbeing
- Increased connection & belonging
- Increased resilience & confidence
- Increased recovery & self-management
- Increased agency & engagement in education & community

System Outcomes - What this means for the Devon-wide system:

- Improved emotional wellbeing and mental health of young people across Devon
- Increased school attendance & engagement (improved achievement, reduced persistent absence, reduced suspensions & permanent exclusions)
- Decreased attendance at A&E, reduced need for CAMHS, reduced need for primary care attendance
- Reduced young offending rates and contact with youth justice
- Reduced need for involvement of Social Services relating to unmet emotional wellbeing and mental health needs

Contract duration and start date:

The contract duration will be confirmed ahead of any formal invitation to tender (ITT) being issued. It is likely to be between 2 and 7 years.

Indicative TUPE Implications:

TUPE may apply. Any TUPE information will be confirmed ahead of the formal invitation to tender (ITT) being issued.

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

- The geographical coverage of the 'targeted' provision maybe adjusted or additional geographical areas added.

- The inclusion criteria to access the provision maybe adjusted between 0-25 years.
- The access requirements maybe increased, such that the provision is asked to expand its offer, in relation to specific components, or across the totality of the provision, to enable access to more children and young people.
- The commissioners may change to include a range of other partners including but not limited to Local Authorities and schools.

Any or all of the above changes would be associated with a need to vary the contract and maybe associated with additional investment.

Indicative Total Contract Value:

The maximum contract value will be confirmed as part of any formal invitation to tender (ITT). It is likely to be between £2.5M and £10.5M.

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

14 October 2024

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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>.

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

You will find the project titled: CYP Community Based Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Services for Devon - MEE with the Atamis reference C295215.

If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before gaining full access to the documentation and to be able to submit your expression of interest for the market engagement event using the correspondence function within Atamis.

It is the Commissioners intention to hold a market engagement event in the week commencing 9th 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.

You are advised to include details of the award decision-makers.

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.