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Tender

School Aged Immunisations Programme in Devon for NHS England South West

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

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>

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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

School Aged Immunisations Programme in Devon for NHS England South West

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS England South West are re-commissioning the School Aged Immunisations Programme in Devon.

School Aged Immunisation (SAI) programmes provide vaccinations to all children and young people of school age, whether they attend state school, independent school, complex needs schools or alternative settings. Children and young people that are educated at home can attend community clinics. Vaccinations are provided, on behalf of the NHS, in line with the Routine childhood Immunisation programme which aims to prevent school aged children from developing vaccine preventable childhood diseases that are associated with significant mortality and morbidity.

The overarching aim of the re-commissioning exercise is to secure a provider for the Devon School Aged Immunisations Programme for a one year period to provide continuity of service pending a full re-procurement in 2024.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,317,225

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK4 - Devon

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS England South West are re-commissioning the School Aged Immunisations Programme in Devon.

School Aged Immunisation (SAI) programmes provide vaccinations to all children and young people of school age, whether they attend state school, independent school, complex needs schools or alternative settings. Children and young people that are educated at home can attend community clinics. Vaccinations are provided, on behalf of the NHS, in line with the Routine childhood Immunisation programme which aims to prevent school aged children from developing vaccine preventable childhood diseases that are associated with significant mortality and morbidity.

The school aged immunisation programme includes

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations
- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis (Td/IPV) booster
- Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) conjugate vaccine
- School-aged children's Seasonal influenza (flu) vaccinations
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) catch up vaccinations

The overarching aim of the re-commissioning exercise is to secure a provider for the Devon School Aged Immunisations Programme for a one year period to provide continuity of service pending a full re-procurement in 2024.

The current contract with the incumbent provider ends on the 31st July 2023 and we wish to secure a provider to host the service between 1st August 2023 to 31st July 2024.

Following this the contract will be re-commissioned for a duration of approximately 5 years from 1st August 2024 as part of the wider South West Programme.

The Devon service is already established and has an existing workforce, processes in place and relationships with schools and stakeholders. For this one year contract award the focus is on safe continuity of service for that duration.

Any prospective provider will need to bring senior level support to the service.

If there are opportunities for service development and improvement the commissioner and provider will follow this up.

The provider will be expected to provide an effective mobilisation plan and onboarding of workforce from the current incumbent provider and a safe transition to the new provider at the end of the term of the contract.

The current eligible population is 158,498 and the majority attend one of the 414 Primary Schools or 134 Secondary Schools.

We are looking for a provider/s that can provide continuity of service to the School Aged Population of Devon. The provider will seek to

- maintain uptake in all areas
- maintain coverage of service
- maintain progress to work towards a consistent service across the region
- continue to provide targeted interventions to improve uptake in vulnerable groups

- maintain excellent relationships with schools in the Devon area
- maintain excellent engagement with stakeholders including service users to ensure the best service model is available.
- align with the national immunisation strategy

In addition to above the provider will work with NHSE to identify opportunities within the short term of the contract to-

- identify priority areas for targeted investment to improve uptake amongst vulnerable groups
- identify opportunities to invest in service development for the benefit of service users, should the re-procurement offer cost savings. For example, supporting investment in technology to increase connectivity with GP's and Child Health Systems
- reducing health inequalities by improving services

This procurement is taking the form of a two-stage process. The closing date 17th October is the submission date for Stage 1 Applications and thus the close date for expressing an interest in these services.

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

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: £1,317,225

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

Start date

1 August 2023

End date

31 July 2024

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but is instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

27 October 2022

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

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

26 September 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The services within scope include:

The school aged immunisation programme within Devon as including

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations
- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis (Td/IPV) booster
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In May 2022 a NICE guideline was published with the aim of supporting to increase Vaccine uptake in the general population [NG218]. Any new service must adhere to the recommendations.

The following services are out of scope:

- Covid-19 vaccination for the extremely vulnerable
- School children attending schools outside of the Devon, Torbay and Plymouth authorities.

References made to standards and guidance throughout the specifications are in line with existing and current guidance; where standards and guidance are reviewed and updated during the life of the contract, School Aged Immunisation services must maintain compliance with any changes and as such the contract may be varied accordingly.

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Stage 1 takes the form of a Provider Capability Assessment, including both a standard Selection Questionnaire (SQ) and narrative questions to gauge Provider suitability.

Providers shortlisted at Stage 1 will be taken forward to Stage 2 of the process.

Areas of assessment at Stage 1 include experience, staffing and premises.

Stage 2 will either take the form of (a) a non-competitive Provider and Service Assurance Process (where only one capable Provider is identified at Stage 1); or (b) a competitive tendering process (where more than one capable Provider is identified at Stage 1), for each lot.

Full details can be found in the Provider Capability Assessment Instructions document within Atamis.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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