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Planning

Market Engagement Exercise for Vein of Galen Malformation Service as the emergency back-up treatment provider.

NHS England

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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

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

Market Engagement Exercise for Vein of Galen Malformation Service as the emergency back-up treatment provider.

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU), on behalf of NHS England Specialised Commissioning (referred to as the Commissioner), is undertaking a market engagement exercise to understand the current and future capacity and capability of the incumbent and potential providers within this highly specialised area. Please note that this is not a call for competition although the commissioner would encourage all potential providers to respond to this market engagement exercise. The outcome of this market engagement will help inform commissioners of the current and future capacity and capability of the market and will be considered to inform the commissioning approach.

Interested parties are encouraged to register their interest only if they are able to deliver the full list of the requirements.

Participation to this market engagement will close at 12pm (noon), 16th October 2023.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £902,500

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Vein of Galen malformation (VGAM) is an arteriovenous malformation which typically results in high output cardiac failure. VGAMs usually occur in fetuses or new-born babies, although sometimes these problems do not present until later in life. VGAMs are extremely rare abnormalities in the blood vessels in the brain leading to excess blood flow which can result in cardiac problems.

The VGAM service in England aims to diagnose, neonates, babies and children and to treat and manage patients with a confirmed Vein of Galen Malformation provided they are in scope to benefit from treatment. This includes acute admission, sub-acute presentation and elective referrals. This service also covers the population of Scotland.

Please see the link to the service specification: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Vein-of-Galen-malformation-service-All-Ages.pdf>. Interested Parties are to note that the national specification is currently undergoing a review.

Provider(s) must:

- a) Have undertaken, as an organisation, a minimum of four (4) paediatric interventional neuroradiology procedures per annum in the period June 2018 to June 2023 for Vein of Galen Malformation cerebrovascular arteriovenous malformations, and
- b) Have a suitable premises for delivery, located in the North; Comprising NHS England Regions: the North East and Yorkshire; the North West.

NHS England Regions

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/about/regional-area-teams/>

The service expected to commence in April 24.

The anticipated contract duration for this service is 3 years, with an option to extend the contract up to a further 2-year period at the Commissioner's discretion.

This notice is to advise prospective providers in the market of the commissioner's

intention to commission this service and to provide an opportunity to engage with and participate in a market engagement questionnaire. It is possible that as a result of this exercise, a formal tender process will not be required but instead a simpler provider selection process will be undertaken. Where it is noted that competition is absent for a particular lot, the Commissioner reserves the right to direct award to provider(s) with no further competition. All providers will be notified of next steps following the conclusion of this market engagement exercise.

Documentation relating to this exercise including a questionnaire is available through the Atamis (Health Family) portal. To register your interest and access the questionnaire, please follow this link to the Atamis (Health Family) portal: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

The project reference is C195408 and the closing date for submission of the completed questionnaire is: 12:pm (noon) 16th October 2023

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 January 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: Yes