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## **Auditory brainstem implant (ABI) for children with congenital abnormalities of the auditory nerves or cochleae**

NHS England

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Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-027492

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-049624

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS England

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Leeds

LS27UE

#### **Contact**

Surinder Kahlon

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKE42 - Leeds

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

NHS Arden & Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit

Derby

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[surinder.kahlon@nhs.net](mailto:surinder.kahlon@nhs.net)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKF11 - Derby

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**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**

Auditory brainstem implant (ABI) for children with congenital abnormalities of the auditory nerves or cochleae

Reference number

C298357

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This is an Intended Approach Notice to award contracts using the Most Suitable Provider Process to a providers for Auditory brainstem implant (ABI) for children with congenital abnormalities of the auditory nerves or cochleae

The auditory brainstem implantation (ABI) service is for highly complex children (interested organisations should note the scope includes children under the age of 5) with profound deafness who have no functional hearing as a result of congenital abnormalities affecting the auditory nerve or the cochlea, meaning that they are unable to use conventional hearing aids or cochlear implants. These children require highly specialist service input to include multidisciplinary assessment, surgical implantation and rehabilitation (including maintenance of the implant). The provider must already have a contract with NHS England for specialist ear, nose and throat services for children.

Organisations wishing to express an interest should email:

[surinder.kahlon@nhs.net](mailto:surinder.kahlon@nhs.net)

Please note the deadline for expressions an interest to be considered as Most Suitable Provider is by: 17:00hrs 17th September 2024.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

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

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In addition to the core MDT (healthcare scientist (audiology), speech & language therapist, consultant ENT surgeons who specialise in both cochlear implantation and skull base surgery, consultant neurosurgeons who specialise in skull base surgery and administrator), the service must have additional named specialists with whom they work:

- Consultant neuroradiologist
- Paediatric clinical psychologist (with experience of working with hearing impaired children and/or complex needs)
- Consultant paediatric neuro-anaesthetist
- Rehabilitation therapist
- Teacher of the Deaf
- Paediatric ophthalmologist
- Paediatric cardiologist
- Paediatric neurologist

All team members should be suitably qualified and registered with accredited professional bodies and be highly experienced in their clinical specialty.

Service Specification: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/service-specification-auditory-brainstem-implant.pdf>

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

4 November 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 is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intended approach notice. The awarding of this 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 to this award.

The decision maker of the award will be: NHS England

The intention is to award a contracts using the most suitable provider process.