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Tender

## **National Framework Agreement for All Age Continuing Care Services**

Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0401e1

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

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

Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Liverpool Road

Chester

CH2 1UL

#### **Email**

[info@coch-cps.co.uk](mailto:info@coch-cps.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.coch.nhs.uk](http://www.coch.nhs.uk)

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[www.nhssourcing.co.uk](http://www.nhssourcing.co.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.nhssourcing.co.uk](http://www.nhssourcing.co.uk)

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## **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**

National Framework Agreement for All Age Continuing Care Services

Reference number

F/092/AACCS/23/MH

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

This Framework Agreement will facilitate the delivery of All age continuing care assessment and review services, alongside existing NHS delivery teams. This will reduce the existing backlogs, patient waiting times will be reduced, referrals and urgent requirements will be expedited, service quality will be improved and patient satisfaction will be positively impacted.

This invitation to tender (ITT) process will be conducted under Regulation 74 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended by The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020) known as the “Light Touch Regime.” The process will be similar to that of the Open Procedure described in Regulation 27 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) but the Awarding Authority will not be bound by the terms of this Regulation or of any other Regulation save as provided for in Chapter 3 Section 7 of the aforementioned Regulations.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £15,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

This Framework Agreement aims to provide a range of services to support the assessment, delivery and review of AACC provision. The AACC services provided under this framework will support Contracting Authorities to meet targets set at a national and local level, and achieve compliance with the following national frameworks (and any future

related frameworks):

- National Framework for Continuing Healthcare and NHS Funded Care
- Young People's Continuing Care National Framework

The Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's Commercial Procurement Service anticipates appointing Bidders whose combined score meets or exceeds 65% against the award criteria detailed in Section 10 of this ITT (which have met the minimum requirements which are set out in these ITT documents) to supply the Services detailed within the specification at SCHEDULE A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT SPECIFICATION.

#### **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: £25,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

#### **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

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

24 October 2023

Local time

2:00pm

#### **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: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

26 October 2023

Local time

2:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

How to express interest and bid for this opportunity

- 1) Browse to the esourcing portal <https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk> and click on view current opportunities;
- 2) Select the title of the ITT.
- 3) Review the ITT, framework agreement specification, prerequisites and list of eligible users(you may do this without registering).
- 4) Register your organisation on the eSourcing portal (this is only required once).
- 5) Accept the portal terms and conditions and click 'continue', enter your organisation and user details; note the username you chose and click 'Save' when complete; you will shortly receive an e-mail with your unique password (please keep this secure)
- 6) Login to the portal with the username/password.
- 7) Click the 'PQQs/ITTs Open To All Suppliers' link (These are pre-qualification questionnaires or invitations to tender open to any registered supplier).
- 8) Click on the relevant PQQ/ITT to access the content.
- 9) Click the 'Express Interest' button at the top of the page. This will move the PQQ/ITT into your 'My PQQs/My ITTs' page (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only). You can now access any attachments by clicking 'Buyer Attachments' in the

‘PQQ/ITT Details’ box.

10) Responding to the ITT. Click ‘My Response’ under ‘PQQ/ITT Details’, you can choose to ‘Create Response’ or to ‘Decline to Respond’ (please give a reason if declining).

You can now use the messages function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification. Note the deadline for completion, then follow the on-screen instructions to complete the ITT There may be a mixture of online and offline actions for you to perform (there is detailed online help available). You must then submit your reply using the ‘Submit Response’ button at the top of the page. If you require any further assistance please consult the online help or contact the eTendering help desk.

#### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom

##### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Chester

Country

United Kingdom

##### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Chester

Country

United Kingdom



