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Planning

Patient failsafe function for the selective Neonatal Hepatitis B screening and immunisation pathway.

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Riverside House

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE15 8NY

Contact

NECS

Email

necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://northeastnorthcumbria.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>

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Patient failsafe function for the selective Neonatal Hepatitis B screening and immunisation pathway.

Reference number

NHSE965

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is working on behalf of NHS England (the Contracting Authority), who are conducting a Request for Information (RFI) exercise in order to gain a better understanding of the capacity and appetite of the market to deliver the following services:

Patient failsafe function for the selective Neonatal Hepatitis B screening and immunisation pathway in the North East and North Cumbria.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £50,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The aim of the service is to provide an administrative failsafe and a Dried Blood Spot (DBS) test kit storage and distribution function for a small cohort of babies each year. This supports clinical provider services to ensure that, once identified through antenatal infectious disease screening, babies born to a Hepatitis B positive pregnant person receive their vaccinations and final Dried Blood Spot test in line with national guidance. It will also ensure the outcome of the pathway is recorded on the child health record/system.

It is important to note that this PIN/RFI is not a call for competition. As such potential providers will need to express an interest in any future tender opportunity once a contract notice is published on the Find a Tender Service and on Contracts Finder.

It should be noted that this PIN/RFI invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this RFI exercise only, and it is NOT part of any pre-qualification or selection process. This PIN/RFI is intended as an awareness raising, communication, and information gathering exercise. A Request for Information is no indication of a commitment to participate in any future tender process nor does it infer any preferential or special status on those individuals and organisations who express an interest.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this RFI exercise and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including RFI submissions, will be conducted via Atamis: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

If you have already registered on the system (e.g. to access contracts with another Health Family organisation) then there is no need to re-register.

If you have not already done so you should now register as a Supplier on the shared system.

You can register here: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you

have a working internet connection. If you find that you need any advice or support in registering, please contact the Atamis helpdesk using the following details:

Phone: 0800 9956035

E-mail: support-health@atamis.co.uk

Opening times 8am - 6pm

An Atamis Supplier guide can be accessed by clicking on this link:

<https://atamis-1928.my.salesforce.com>

PLEASE NOTE: You may be asked if you wish to merge your account with an existing organisation. This is based on a number of criteria including the domain name of your email address, so please ensure that you do register with your official work email address.

The Request for Information will be available on the e-tendering site on: 19 September 2023.

Potential providers are to note that the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (as amended) may apply to a future procurement including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

Completed RFI questionnaires must be submitted by: 12:00noon on 02 October 2023.

Following review of returned RFI responses, should the commissioner wish to seek further clarification to any part of the responses, further market engagement may be carried out. Providers will be made aware of these arrangements via the Atamis system.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

17 March 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: No

