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## **NHS England - Proposed Primary Care Flexible Pools Framework**

NHS England

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

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

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[michael.pingstone@nhs.net](mailto:michael.pingstone@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

NHS England - Proposed Primary Care Flexible Pools Framework

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

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

NHS England is considering re-procuring a framework to implement Digital Solutions for the deployment of sessional clinical capacity in primary care.

To assist in the exploratory exercise NHS England is seeking to engage with suitably qualified providers to help inform their next steps.

This activity is being managed by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of NHS England.

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

Value excluding VAT: £0.01

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 72212100 - Industry specific software development services
- 79625000 - Supply services of medical personnel

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

NHS England is considering re-procuring a framework to implement Digital Solutions for the deployment of sessional clinical capacity in primary care.

To assist in the exploratory exercise NHS England is seeking to engage with suitably qualified providers to help inform their next steps.

The proposed purpose of the framework will be:

- To provide a digital solution for flexible workforce in primary care, that delivers an outcomes based, transformational, interoperable, integrated, bespoke, demand driven service, and that supports; end to end workforce pool management and rostering; collaborative and multi-organisational solutions; diverse skills-based staffing approach; staff wellbeing; flexible payment options; reduces administrative and reporting burden, and; provides ongoing training support, development and improvement for the flexible workforce in primary care.
- To provide a digital solution to enable GPs who want the flexibility of a locum role with the additional benefit of a salaried position.
- To enable existing GPs including salaried and partners to delivery additional sessions
- To enable other primary care workforce groups to utilise flexible pools.
- Ability to support groups of staff at PCN, CCG, Place or ICS footprint.
- To significantly reduce administrative burden on General Practice

The full-service scope is in the process of being defined and NHS England will be conducting Market Engagement with the aim of:

- Engaging with providers
- Understanding the interest there might be in providing such services from suitably qualified providers
- Informing the commissioning process
- Gathering information from stakeholders that may be used to shape a commissioning / procurement process and documentation.

To register to take part in market engagement please complete the attached Questionnaire

(<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/203545b4-846c-440f-8c31-3e061470f777>) and return it to [Michael.pingstone@nhs.net](mailto:Michael.pingstone@nhs.net) by 12 noon on 19/11/21.

On receipt of the completed Questionnaire, an invitation will be issued to each interested party with a copy of the draft specification. Invitations will be for a 30 minute 1:1 meeting with key commissioners to discuss the services. Specific dates and available times of meetings will be provided at a later date. Spaces will be limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis.

In the event you are unable to attend a 1:1 meeting but would like to receive a copy of any relevant materials, please complete the Questionnaire only, and email it to [Michael.pingstone@nhs.net](mailto:Michael.pingstone@nhs.net).

An expression of interest to engage with this market engagement is no indication of a commitment to participate in any future tender process nor does it infer any special status on those Providers who do engage. An expression of interest will not automatically entitle involvement in any future procurement exercise. Any procurement conducted after this will be advertised separately and all organisations wanting to participate will need to respond to the procurement advertisement as and when it is published.

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#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

This notice is an information gathering exercise rather than a call for competition in its own right, and therefore publication or response does not commit the Authority or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest. The Authority will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise.

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

1 January 2022

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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**

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Any future services will be subject to the full regime of current procurement legislation, and as such any tender will be conducted in accordance with, and governed by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Any contract(s) will therefore be awarded in accordance with the provisions applicable in Section 5 (sub-section 7) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.