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Planning

Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme: Medical Assessments

NHS Business Services Authority

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Business Services Authority

Stella House, Goldcrest Way, Newburn Riverside

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE15 8NY

Contact

NHSBSA Commercial Services

Email

commercialserviceteam@nhsbsa.nhs.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC22 - Tyneside

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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

Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme: Medical Assessments

Reference number

W76674

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121200 - Medical specialist services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

You are being invited to participate in this Request for Information in relation to the provision of medical assessments in relation to the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme (VDPS).

The Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme (VDPS) provides a one-off tax-free payment to successful applicants where, on very rare occasions and on the balance of probabilities, a vaccine has been assessed to have caused severe disablement, within the meaning of the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979. Any potential contract is for a third party to assess claims using independent GMC registered doctor with a license to practise and at least five years' experience.

The VDPS is not a compensation scheme. It is a no-fault scheme. A successful claim does not apportion blame to you as a healthcare provider or anyone else.

The NHSBSA administers the VDPS on behalf of the Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC). DHSC remains responsible for the policy and legislation that governs the scheme.

For more information: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/vaccine-damage-payment-scheme-vdps>

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85120000 - Medical practice and related services
- 85100000 - Health services
- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

- 85121200 - Medical specialist services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

At this stage we are seeking high-level input to enable us to assess the market and to inform any future procurement strategy to ensure compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Interested parties must register an interest in this RFI via <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome> (search opportunities using system reference C207231). Suppliers can register from 25th October 2023 and the RFI documents will be made available on 29th October 2023.

Registered suppliers are invited to attend a Supplier Briefing Session which will be held on 10th October 2023. Supplier may also request an optional 1-2-1 session on 12-13 October 2023. Written RFI responses are requested for Friday 20th October 2023.

II.2.14) Additional information

Suppliers should note that this RFI is a market research exercise only and it is not an invitation to tender, an invitation to offer an agreement or a guarantee there will be a future procurement exercise.

Participation in this RFI is limited to suppliers that meet the definition of “economic operator” under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. “Economic operator” means any person, or public entity, or group of such persons and entities, including any temporary association of undertakings, that offers the execution of works or a work, the supply of products or the provision of services on the market. Where a participant does not meet this criteria they will not be able to attend the Supplier Briefing Session and may therefore be removed from the RFI process.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

8 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