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## **Termination of Pregnancy Service to Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group**

NHS Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKK23 - Somerset

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu.aspx/Home>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu.aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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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**

Termination of Pregnancy Service to Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group

Reference number

WA11212

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group are seeking to commission a Termination of Pregnancy Service to those who reside in Somerset. The aim of this service is to provide a consistent, comprehensive, effective, accessible, legal and safe termination of pregnancy in a supportive and non-judgemental environment which respects service user's wishes, reduces repeat terminations and unintended pregnancies, and promotes better sexual health among service users.

The service will be provided to all adults, young adults, and where appropriate those aged 13 and over who predominantly are registered to Somerset GPs and/or are living in Somerset, including service users with no fixed abode, no registered GP or visitors to the area. The provider will ensure that the service is respectful and does not discriminate on grounds of age, disability, race, ethnicity, culture, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, income levels, marital status, previous terminations or any other non-medical characteristics.

The initial contract term will be for 3 years from 1st June 2022, with an optional extension of any period(s) up to a maximum of a further 2 years, as defined and at the discretion of the commissioners.

The financial envelope is £488,000 per annum.

This procurement is being carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioners.

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,464,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

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

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The objectives of the service are:

- a) To provide a termination of pregnancy service which provides information/advice and medical terminations within the service user's county of residence or within 30 miles of their home and at the time they request.
- b) To provide an all-inclusive termination of pregnancy service to clients which includes information and advice, medical terminations.
- c) To offer terminations as early as possible based on the service user's gestation and clinical circumstances.

- d) To aim for 100% of terminations to take place without complications (to include, but not be limited to, cervical trauma, uterine perforation, severe bleeding requiring transfusion, and uterine rupture).
- e) To provide 100% of service users with advice on the full range of contraceptives, including the offer of (and where necessary fit) Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC).
- f) Service user's receiving Pills by Post will also have the contraception conversation and can be offered 3 months of oral contraception (in line with their Standard Operating Procedure and relevant guidance; and/or be referred to their GP or SWISH for ongoing contraceptive provision. (<http://formulary.somersetccg.nhs.uk/>).
- g) To supply (and where necessary fit) 90% of service users with contraceptives after treatment.
- h) To support the reduction of sexually transmitted infections (STIs).
- i) To ensure opportunities are in place for accurate and effective information and screening of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Where appropriate sexual health screening offered in line with guidance to include Chlamydia and where indicated, other STI testing.
- j) To assess all service users under the age of 18 or otherwise where assessment suggests vulnerability in a face-to-face environment.

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## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but is instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

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

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

##### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Please see tender documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

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

Date

15 December 2021

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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

Date

15 December 2021

Local time

1:00pm

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

Interested providers will be able to view this notice via the 'current tenders' list on the e-procurement system In-Tend, available on the following link: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu/asp/Home>

In order to submit a bid, you will need to be registered on the e-procurement system and 'express an interest', and then complete a response as specified within the procurement documents.

On registration, please include at least two contacts to allow for access to the system in times of absence.

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The tendering process will be conducted in accordance with the requirements and flexibilities provided by Articles 74 to 76 of the Directive, and Regulations 74 to 76 of the Regulations. The Authority will run a transparent tender process, treating all Bidders equally. For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority will not be bound by the Regulations or any other regulations or legislation except for the specific parts or circumstances that apply to the procurement of these Services.

Neither the inclusion of a Bidder selection stage, nor the use of any language or terms found in the Directive or Regulations, nor the description of the procedure voluntarily adopted by the Authority ("Open", "Restricted", "Competitive Procedure with Negotiation", "Competitive Dialogue" or any other description), nor any other indication, shall be taken to mean that the Authority intends to hold itself bound by the Directive or Regulations, save by the provisions applicable to services coming within the scope of Annex XIV of the Directive / Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

The Contracting Authority intends to voluntarily observe the award decision notices provisions and 10 day standstill period described in Regulation 86 of the Regulations. Unsuccessful Bidders will receive scores and reasons for the decision, including the characteristics and relative advantages of the winning bid and the reasons why the



Bidder/application was unsuccessful. Deadline for lodging of appeals should be in accordance with Regulation 87 and Regulation 91 of the Regulations

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

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

NHS Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group

Yeovil

Country

United Kingdom

##### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

As described in VI.3, deadline for lodging of appeals should be in accordance with Regulation 87 and Regulation 91 of the 2015 Regulations.