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Tender

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside - Sefton Place - Medical Cover for IC Beds

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04070f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board

No 1 Lakeside, 920 Centre Park

Warrington

WA1 1QY

Contact

MLCSU Procurement Team

Email

mlcsu.tendersnorth@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD - North West (England)

NHS Organisation Data Service

QYG

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<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

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside - Sefton Place - Medical Cover for IC Beds

Reference number

WHISP-196

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121100 - General-practitioner services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Midlands and Lancashire CSU is supporting NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board who is looking for a provider of Medical Cover for Intermediate Care Beds for Sefton place (Southport & Formby only).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD73 - Sefton

Main site or place of performance

Southport & Formby area of Sefton Place.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS Midlands and Lancashire CSU is supporting NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board who is looking for a provider of Medical Cover for Intermediate Care Beds for Sefton place (Southport & Formby only).

This service is to provide primary care support to medically optimised patients as part of the intermediate care multidisciplinary team. This includes patients who have been stepped down from the acute hospital trust and patients who have been stepped up via the two-hour urgent care response service.

This cover will be provided five days per week from 8am to 6.30pm. Delivery will include ward round reviews, plus on-call arrangements for the management of those patients who have deteriorated and are at risk of hospital admission. This will be for a total of forty-six beds over two to three locations. The service will engage with multidisciplinary process and interface with secondary care, community geriatrician, pharmacy, and community services to ensure patient safety and manage patient flow. Thirty five of the forty-six are currently subject to a procurement exercise and the appointed provider of the medical cover will be notified of the provider of these thirty-five beds once the procurement exercise has been completed.

The contract is to be awarded for a start date of 1st April 2024 for an initial period of 3 years with the option to extend for a further 2-year period. The value of the contract is £300,000 per annum with a total of £1,500,00 over the total 5-year period.

The Authority has set an affordability threshold for the Procurement and reserves the right not to consider Bids that are unaffordable and above the affordability envelope of the project, or in absence of an affordability envelope, this notice value. The Authority may seek clarification on bids that are unusually low or above the affordability threshold. Following clarification, it will reserve the right not to consider Bids that are either above the affordability threshold or unusually low.

Further information is available from <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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: £1,500,000

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

Start date

1 April 2024

End date

31 March 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial contract period will be from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2027 with the option to extend to 31st March 2029.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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

31 October 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

Tender must be valid until: 31 March 2024

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

31 October 2023

Local time

1:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

This procurement is for Social and other specific services which are Light Touch Regime services for the purpose of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations ('Regulations')

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/102/schedule/3/made>

Accordingly, the Contracting Authority is only bound by those parts of the Regulations detailed in Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regimes Section 7

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/102/part/2/chapter/3/made>

The Contracting Authority is not voluntarily following any other part of the Regulations.

The only selection for type of Procedure was "Open" and the Contracting Authority wishes to clarify that this is not a Open procedure but "Other" procedure under the Light Touch Regime. The procedure which the Contracting Authority is following is set out in the procurement documents.

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As the Integrated Care Board (ICB) is a relevant body for the purpose of the National Health Service (Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition) (No 2) Regulations 2013 these Regulations also apply to this procurement.

Right to Cancel: The Contracting Authority reserves the right to discontinue the procurement process at any time, which shall include the right not to award a contract or contracts and does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender, or any tender received, and reserves the right to award a contract in part, or to call for new tenders should it consider this necessary.

The Contracting Authority shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any candidate or tenderer in connection with the completion and return of the information requested in this Contract Notice, or in the completion or submission of any tender, irrespective of the outcome of the competition or if the competition is cancelled or postponed.

All dates, time periods and values specified in this notice are provisional and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change these.

Transparency: The Contracting Authority is subject to the Freedom of Information Act

2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and may be required to disclose information received in the course of this procurement under FOIA or the EIR.

In addition, and in accordance with the UK Government's policies on transparency, the contracting authority intends to publish procurement documentation and the text of any resulting contractual arrangements, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the Contracting Authority.

Any redactions, whether in relation to information requests under FOIA, the EIR or policies on transparency will be in accordance with those grounds prescribed under the Freedom of Information Act. If and when this requirement is offered to tender, this will be done via electronic means using the internet. Midlands and Lancashire CSU is conducting this procurement exercise as a central purchasing body for another NHS body with whom the successful bidder(s) will enter into contracts for the supply of the services.

Any other public-sector body detailed within this notice, wishing to access the contract may do so only with permission from the contracting NHS body.

Further details will be made available via documentation and information released during the tender process.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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