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Planning

Hospital Computers on Wheels (COWS)

Norfolk Community Health & Care N H S Trust

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NR23TU

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.norfolkcommunityhealthandcare.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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Hospital Computers on Wheels (COWS)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 30200000 - Computer equipment and supplies

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NCH&C provides community-based NHS health and care via more than 70 different service locations across Norfolk, serving a population of nearly 900,000 people.

We believe that people are better looked after locally and this belief drives us to work hard to bring our expert care to patients in our seven community hospitals, within GP surgeries and in patients' own homes.

Our focus is on continually improving the quality of care we offer to local people and on improving access to that care, helping people to move seamlessly from one service to another.

To increase the quality of care provided to our patients, NCH&C are looking to enhance use of our Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system, by accessing and updating patient records in real time in our ward environments. The trust would like to consider how using mobile/agile computer on wheels systems (COWS) will enable delivery of this vision, and are seeking expressions of interest from qualified and capable service providers and re-sellers able to provide products that satisfy our criteria.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £75,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Products should meet the following criteria as a minimum:

- Enable clinicians to input patient data at a patient's bedside
- Carts and hardware, and peripherals supplied need to be in line with medical infection control standards,
- Peripherals should be robust and last a 5 year lifespan
- Must have area for external mouse and keyboard use,
- Should be able to mount external monitor (if applicable to the technology type),
- Must have the option for lockable storage (for one third of workstations) required due to security reasons,
- Provide storage for workstation accessories and other equipment,
- Must be ergonomic and therefore have the ability to raise and lower the height of the workstation.
- Must have the ability to use NHS Smartcard technology,
- Workstation should have the ability to work without mains power, for a period of 8 hours plus, interchangeable rechargeable batteries where possible.
- Enable the completion of paper documentation at the workstation

To understand current market offerings, the Trust are looking to hold a demonstration day during November (date and time TBC) to be attended by staff and key stakeholders to help inform current availability and options.

If you are able to meet the criteria (outlined above), please email tenders@nchc.nhs.uk to confirm your interest of attendance.

Final demonstration day details will be shared with suppliers that register an interest and can evidence compliance with the required criteria.

II.2.14) Additional information

The Trust reserves the right to use the outputs of the supplier market day to inform the best compliant route to market. This may include utilising a qualified and compliant framework agreement - or conducting a sub threshold procurement process as the expected value is less than FTS Thresholds.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

13 November 2023

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