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Planning

Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) Pathway for Patients Presenting in General Practice

NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://www.scwcsu.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

Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) Pathway for Patients Presenting in General Practice

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (BNSSG ICB) is seeking to engage with potential providers to understand the position of the market for commissioning a Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) Pathway for Patients Presenting in General Practice.

BNSSG ICB ("The Commissioner") is intending to commission a service for the initial assessment of people presenting at their GP practice with a suspected DVT, direct access to an ultrasound scan where indicated and initiation of treatment for those with a positive DVT by clinicians with specialist knowledge for patients registered with a Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire GP practice or classified as a temporary resident.

The service is expected to offer ultrasound and outpatient services at a minimum of 3 locations, using locations which minimise travel times for patients from across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

In 2022/23, the current BNSSG DVT service received an average of 327 referrals per month, with an average of 70 positive patients continuing on to a 1st outpatient appointment per month.

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)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

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The Commissioner's intention is for this contract to be for a period of 5 years, with the option to extend for a maximum of a further 2 years.

The Commissioner invites interested providers to complete a pre-procurement market engagement questionnaire. Please submit your completed questionnaire by 12 noon on 16th October 2023 via our e-procurement system, Atamis, available on the following link:

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

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

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 are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

2 October 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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) 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.

Interested providers will be able to view this opportunity via the live opportunities list on the 'Health Family' e-procurement system, Atamis. Click on 'View our Live Opportunities' from the home page, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the relevant information and market engagement questionnaire, you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page. If you have any problems accessing the questionnaire, please email

carey.bovington@nhs.net

If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before gaining full access to the documentation and to be able to submit your expression of interest / market engagement questionnaire.

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Any future 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.