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Planning

Mandatory Title: BOB ICB Specialist Palliative Care and End of Life Service

NHS Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire & Berkshire West Integrated Care Board

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Mandatory Title: BOB ICB Specialist Palliative Care and End of Life Service

Reference number

C306290

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to inform the market of NHS Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (the Commissioner's), intention to commission a Specialist Palliative Care and End of Life Service.

The Commissioner would like to understand the level of provider interest in delivering these services.

The contract will be for an initial term 7 years with an option to extend for any period up to a further 3 years commencing January 2026.

The service provision will cover Berkshire West and South Oxfordshire

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

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £35,540,510

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (BOB ICB) is seeking to commission Specialist Palliative care and end of life services for adults age 18+ including Palliative Community Care, Hospice Inpatient Care, Hospice at Home Services in Berkshire West and South Oxfordshire.

The main responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Community Specialist Palliative and end of life care
- Inpatient bed provision
- Interventional Day hospice and outpatient provision
- Home Hospice care
- Lymphoedema assessment, care, and treatment

In addition to:

- 24/7 advice and guidance for people with palliative and end of life care needs, their families, and their carers.
- Provide advanced symptom management
- Support for end of life decision-making, including preferred place of care if important to the person; encompassing personalised care and support conversations and advance care planning, including emergency care and treatment planning (using ReSPECT) and accessing NHS continuing healthcare funding and care.
- Parallel planning with condition-specific teams, e.g., heart failure specialists, respiratory team, complex neurological diseases team – this is appropriate for people whose recovery is uncertain.
- Rapid discharge from hospital to hospice or home for care at the end of life
- Specialist medical, nursing and therapy support for hospices and community palliative care teams
- Specialist equipment in the home [this may be commissioned on a case-by-case basis where unique needs are identified]
- Input into multidisciplinary teams (MDTs), pre and debriefs relating to a person's death, and other professional meetings, at hospitals, hospices and in the community.
- Psychosocial support for patients and their families, and professionals [this may be via referral]
- Education and training programmes for specialist and generalist providers delivering palliative care for the BOB ICS.

The ICB aims to deliver the National Ambitions for Palliative and End of Life Care in addition to the local priority to improve access and experience of palliative and end of life services to enable people of all ages to die well. This strategic priority will be delivered across a range of

services including inpatient and outpatient services, day hospices, hospice at home, community services, lymphoedema and pre and post bereavement services. The ICS joint forward plan goals include 24/7 access, promoting early identification of palliative population, utilising use of ReSPECT and working collaboratively with other providers ensuring the voice of lived experience is embedded in service review and plans.

The service will work as part of the Integrated Care System providing cross-organisational working to ensure the right care, right place, and the right time to support a person to die well in their preferred place of care and death. The delivery of the service will be supported by multidisciplinary teams both clinical and non-clinical staff with specialist skills and expertise.

The service will be instrumental in providing equitable Specialist Palliative care services. The service will work closely with the Integrated Care Board and system partners across all sectors (Primary, Secondary, Community Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector), raising awareness of death and dying and supporting compassionate communities to grow, whilst working towards changing society's perception of death.

The contract will be for an initial term 7 years with an option to extend for any period up to a further 3 years, commencing January 2026.

The annual value of the contract is £3,554,051, with the total contract value of £35,540,510

This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to inform the market of NHS Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) (the Commissioner's), intention to recommission Specialist Palliative Care and End of Life Service in Berkshire West and South Oxfordshire. The Commissioner would like to understand the level of provider interest in delivering these services.

TUPE is likely to apply.

The ICB invites interested providers to complete a pre-procurement market engagement questionnaire. Please submit your completed questionnaire by 12 Noon 27 September 2024 via our e-procurement system, Atamis.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 November 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: 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.

The ICB invites interested providers to complete a pre-procurement market engagement questionnaire. Please submit your completed questionnaire by 12 Noon 27 September 2024 via our e-procurement system, Atamis.

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>.

The project reference is: C306290

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 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 and respond to the market engagement questionnaire.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) prior information notice. The contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply.