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Planning

Expressions of Interest to support the expansion of the existing IPS programme

NHS England

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

Quarry House, Quarry Hill

Leeds

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Contact

Commercial Queries

Email

england.commercialqueries@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.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

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS England plans to expand access for people with severe and enduring mental illness to Individual Placement and Support services to achieve and exceed the NHS Long Term Plan target of 55,000 people each year. Existing competing local priorities and significant regional variations in provision has meant that targets are not being realised and this project presents the opportunity for a delivery partner to co-ordinate a response to the key implementation challenges and opportunities presented by the expansion. This project would run from 23/24 – 28/29 to support the expansion of the existing IPS programme and its adherence to the IPS Fidelity Model.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £22,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The provider would need to be able to operate across 8 regional locations in the United Kingdom with a variety of key stakeholders in line with expansion plans. Delivery of the project is expected to require rapid development of effective infrastructure across 42 services to mobilise the expansion and achieve stepped access and outcome targets within the first year. Due to the tight timescales and outcomes required, a robust understanding and proven experience of delivering IPS within community mental health whilst adhering to the existing IPS fidelity model is expected from the supplier. This includes strong links with primary care, voluntary sectors, and the ability to promote self-referrals.

We envisage the supplier's role to be:

- a. Ensuring hands-on implementation support for mobilisation and quality improvement from a network of IPS consultants;
- b. Producing a workforce development and training programme and professional accreditation scheme to support recruitment and training of IPS staff;
- c. Ensuring central resources for commissioners, IPS providers, and clinical teams are in place;
- d. Providing effective reporting, monitoring, and evaluation of outcomes mechanisms, including development of data and reporting tool to support services to track progress and to monitor project progress at national, regional, trust, and team levels.

We expect existing and future budgets to contain funding for this project liable to be in the region of £22m.

Providers interested in providing this service are asked to contact NHS England on the email address below: england.commercialqueries@nhs.net

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

4 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: Yes