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Tender

Lymphoedema and Wound Service - NHS/SOEPS/19.571c - PINCC

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice with call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

NHS Organisation Data Service

QNX

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/soepscommissioning/asp/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/soepscommissioning/asp/Home>

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

Lymphoedema and Wound Service - NHS/SOEPS/19.571c - PINCC

Reference number

NHS/SOEPS/19.571c - PINCC

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The current contract with Pioneer Ltd is due to expire on 31st March 2023. The current contract was awarded by NHS East Sussex and NHS West Sussex CCG's (now NHS Sussex ICB) following the publication of a Prior Information Notice (PIN) as a Call for Competition on NHS/SOEPS/19.571b. The ICB intends to direct award (effectively extending the existing contract) to Pioneer Ltd for both localities. The rationale and evidence to support this decision is contained in the section below. The extension will be for a period of up to 24 months from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2025.

The current provision of lymphoedema and specialist wound care services is fragmented and inequitable, with different specifications and tariff models in place. This results in Sussex patients experiencing varying levels of delivered service, which could result in poor care. The direct award will enable existing services to continue and satisfy ongoing patient needs for these important and complex services whilst concluding a Sussex wide review that will develop and align a Sussex wide specification to deliver service. The stability of the service will also support the wider local healthcare. There is a known national shortage of both wound care and lymphoedema practitioners meaning that any new providers for the East and West Sussex localities would require an adequate mobilisation period to allow for recruitment that would provide assurance to NHS Sussex of robust, skilled and available workforce is in place. There is recognition that this is a specialist and complex service which requires an appropriately skilled workforce. In summary, services will continue whilst the alignment activities conclude.

Contract = £3,600,000 per annum x 2 = £7,200,000 (maximum value and contract length)

If you wish to express an interest or should you wish to discuss the content of the PIN further, please do this by sending a message via the In-tend e-Tendering portal at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/soepscommissioning.aspx/Home> in the first instance.

The deadline for expressions of interest is 12:00pm (midday) on Thursday 17th November, 2022.

If no expressions of interest are received, the Authority intends to enter a contract with the incumbent provider relying upon a Regulation 32 exemption of no response/no requests to participate have been submitted in response to this notice, within 30 days of publication.

Please note a portal message is the only accepted method of expressing an interest (correspondence received by an other route will not be responded to).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £7,200,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £7,200,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

24

II.2.14) Additional information

12 months plus a 12 month option.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

17 November 2022

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures

1 April 2023

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS South of England Procurement

Fareham

Country

United Kingdom