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Planning

0-19 Public Health Nursing Services

London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.lbhf.gov.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://www.capitalesourcing.com>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

0-19 Public Health Nursing Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Hammersmith & Fulham (H&F) Council are tendering for two services to deliver a high quality 0-19 Public Health Nursing in Hammersmith and Fulham from 1st January 2027. The 0-19 offer will be in the form of two service specifications:

1. The health visiting offer (Lot 1).
2. The school nursing offer (Lot 2).

Since the services fall within CPV Code 85323000-9 (community health services delivered to individuals) the procurement will be carried out under the Provider Selection Regime under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

The provider will build upon the current provision and link with our communities and family hubs to deliver a mixed model of:

- Universal service that is offered to all people.
- Targeted services that provide people with timely, personalised expert advice and support when they need it for a specific issue.
- Specialist services that provides people specialist practitioner treatment where providers will often work with other agencies to coordinate holistic wrap around support for people with acute or ongoing needs, including complex needs management.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £30,800,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

The Health Visiting Service

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI33 - Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham

Main site or place of performance

Hammersmith & Fulham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provider will deliver Health Visiting services for all babies and children aged 0-5 who live in Hammersmith and Fulham. The service is fundamental in providing a robust universal offer that will cover child health surveillance, health promotion, health protection, health improvement, support outlined in the healthy child programme 0 to 5. Health Visitors will have a role in:

- leading and delivering the 5 mandated health reviews
- delivering against the 6 high impact areas for early years
- continuity of family public healthcare from maternity to health visiting services
- contributing to safeguarding
- identifying and supporting vulnerable children and families
- addressing inequalities and contributing to the Supporting Families Programme

Where possible, a community placed Place-based approach will be delivered in the local community by a range of frontline workers, providers and commissioners working collaboratively to deliver a personalised continuity of carer model for all people. The Health Visitors will be based within H&F's 3 new Family Hubs.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

The School Nursing Service

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI33 - Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham

Main site or place of performance

Hammersmith & Fulham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provider will deliver School Nursing Services for all children aged 5-19 (or 25 for those with an EHCP) that attend-maintained schools or academes in Hammersmith and Fulham. The service will cover child health surveillance, health promotion, health protection, health improvement, support outlined in the healthy child programme 5 to 19. The role of School Nurses will extend to:

- Delivering against the 6 high impact areas for school-aged years.
- Facilitating smooth transitions for school-aged children, such as the shift from health visiting to school nursing, and eventually to adult services.
- Providing support to vulnerable children and those not attending school, including children in care, young carers, and young offenders.
- Supporting children who are home educated.
- Providing the support offered as part of the Supporting Families Programme refreshed health offer.
- Engage with diverse communities.
- Implement strategies that will prioritise improving mental health.
- Develop and execute plans to address health concerns such as asthma, sexual health, and obesity.
- Playing a crucial role in safeguarding children.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 May 2025

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Contracting Authority is issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) as a Request for Information (RFI) to engage with the market and to gather information in order to gain a better understanding of both the capacity and appetite of the market in delivering the proposed services.

It is important to note that this PIN/RFI is not a call for competition and that the proposed services fall under the scope of the NHS Provider Selection Regime.

It should also be noted that this PIN/RFI invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this RFI exercise only, and it is NOT a pre-qualification questionnaire, and is NOT part of any pre-qualification or selection process.

This PIN/RFI is intended as an awareness, communication, and information gathering exercise. An expression of interest is no indication of a commitment to participate in the RFI process nor does it infer any preferential or special status on those individuals and organisations who express an interest in the RFI exercise.

The provider(s) will be involved in supporting us to deliver our Early Intervention Strategy, our Starting Well Strategy, and developing our Start For Life offer.

Bidders will be required to register on the Social Value Portal to enter social value commitments from H&F Themes Outcomes and Measures (TOMs) framework. The Successful Bidder is responsible for paying the Social Value Portal Management Fee for the term of the contract.

Description of the geographical coverage: Hammersmith & Fulham

The contract will be divided into two separate lots dependent on the analysis of our needs and the market conditions.

- Lot 1 will cover delivery of Health Visiting (0-5) including integrated delivery of Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home Visiting (`MECSH`) targeted prevention (0-2). Estimated annual value: up to £2,640,000 Estimated total value: up to £18,480,000 over 7 years.
- Lot 2 will cover delivery of the school nursing service (5-19 and 19-25 with SEND). Estimated annual value: up to £1,760,000 Estimated total value: up to £12,320,000 over 7 years.

The initial contract period is likely to be 3 years, with the option 2 + 2 years extensions.

Services are currently funded from the ringfenced Public Health Grant and will continue to be fully funded from this grant after re-procurement. Any potential reductions in funding will be in line with reductions in the Public Health Grant percentage reductions or within the conditions of the contract.

We would like to invite interested providers to attend a virtual market engagement event on Tuesday 10th September (3pm-4pm). This session will provide an overview of the proposed service models and procurement timetable. The aim of the event is to help identify all suitable providers and develop the service specification for the Lots.

If you are interested in joining the event via Microsoft Teams please register your interest at this Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/engagement-event-for-hf-0-19-public-health-nursing-services-tickets-972327767527?aff=oddtcreator>