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Tender

PRJ1324 South East London Autism Screening

NHS South East London Integrated Care Board

F01: Prior information notice

Call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<https://www.selondonics.org/icb>

Buyer's address

<https://www.selondonics.org/icb>

I.3) Communication

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

PRJ1324 South East London Autism Screening

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

South East London Integrated Care Board serves an area that comprises of six local authorities and a number of NHS Trusts. At present, the neurodevelopmental assessment pathways vary in each borough. All boroughs experience challenges and concerns about lengthy and increasing wait times for autism assessments. Furthermore, localities experience a range of associated challenges in relation to issues such as pre- and post-diagnostic support and children & young people with additional mental health needs. Many of these issues combine and coalesce for a growing, specific cohort of young people: those young people who do not access full time education.

Missing school has a significant, negative impact on children's academic skills; well-being; mental health and can lead to adverse life outcomes. School attendance provides a safeguard for many children. Persistent school absence removes this safeguard. In addition, the challenges to the system outlined previously means that this cohort of children & young people can remain unsupported for many years.

In all 6 boroughs covered by the ICB, there are growing numbers of children who are unable to attend school due to social emotional and mental health reasons. Social communication difficulties that are typical in presentations such as such as Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) are frequently associated with negative school experiences and linked to higher rates of school non-attendance. A study conducted by Totsika et.al, found that 43% of autistic children experienced persistent absenteeism during the study period.

This project aims to support children & young people who are identified as emotionally based school avoiders by offering an autism assessment and, most importantly, developing a need led personalised plan to support reintegration of the child or young

person into school.

This project aims to screen children who are persistently absent from school for Autistic Spectrum Conditions. The SEL LDA commissioning team will work with the school inclusion teams in all 6 boroughs of SEL, identify 90 children and young people (CYP) who have low school attendance due to social or emotional distress and undertake a NICE approved assessment for autism. Each C/YP will then be provided with a written, personalised support plan that the provider will deliver via support workers working directly with the C/YP, their family, their school and community services.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £384,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

PRJ1324 South East London Autism Screening

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

There are two lots for this procurement, please refer to the documentation for more information.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £384,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

15

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

3 November 2023

Local time

4:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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