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## **PRJ 1171 NHS SEL ICB - Bexley Urgent Treatment Service**

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F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

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**23 December 2022, 5:00pm**

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Procurer/Advert/AdvertSummary?projectId=dd98aefc-3713-ed11-8117-005056b64545&projectStepId=c751da49-1155-ed11-811a-005056b64545>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

PRJ 1171 NHS SEL ICB - Bexley Urgent Treatment Service

Reference number

DN626327

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

NHS South-East London Integrated Care Board (SEL ICB) wish to commission the following

- an in hours and out-of-hours Urgent Treatment Service (UTC)
- a GP Out of Hours Home Visiting Service (GP OOH HV )

The intention is to commission one service that includes both these services.

Bexley

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- Queen Mary's Hospital (QMS) which is open 24/7
- Erith Hospital which is open seven days a week 0800 – 2200.

SEL ICB is looking for an urgent care provider who will be innovative in their ways of working to meet the increasing and changing demand for urgent care, as the population needs evolve over the lifetime of the contract, including peak demand periods such as during the winter months.

The overall vision for the UTC is that patients should expect the same standard of care & service delivery whatever the time of day and at whichever UTC location across the UK, in line with the National UTC Principles & Standards. The successful provider will be expected to comply with these principles by embedding internal protocols to maintain consistency in terms of staffing, service provision & operational processes.

The service will be GP-led but with a multi-disciplinary workforce. This workforce will work with system partners to ensure that patients are seen in the right place at the right time according to their clinical and wellbeing needs.

The UTC provider will be expected to develop close working relationships with other providers within the Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC) system, as well as other local Bexley stakeholders and patients' groups. As integration builds over the course of the contract the UTC provider might be expected to join an NHS Alliance agreement with other interdependent services as well as develop an Outcomes based approach.

The scope of the UTC will include same day urgent primary care, minor illness, and minor injuries. There will be no restrictions on age groups for patients accessing UTC services. The Home Visiting element of the service will provide urgent home visits when GP surgeries are typically closed, from 6.30pm to 8am weekdays, all day at weekends and all day on Bank Holidays.

The successful bidder can phase the mobilisation of the services during February and July 2023 – but all services under the new contract must be operational by the 1st of August 2023. The maximum contract term is 7 years (3yrs + 2yrs + 2yrs optional extensions) and we anticipate that the maximum value over a 7 year contract period is £26,894,000. The SEL ICB is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced healthcare providers who can provide demonstrable evidence of a record of accomplishment in delivering high quality and effective urgent treatment services and Out-of-Hours Home Visiting services, as set in the ITT documentation

Further information on the procurement can access via this web link:

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## **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI6 - Outer London – South

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#### Further Information

Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgment of potential service providers. In such circumstances, and in any event, the ICB or its advisors shall not be liable for any costs or loss of expenses whatsoever incurred by the respondent and company, agent, subsidiary or organisation may have contributed to any response submitted to this notice.

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The ITT reference for this tender is PRJ1171. All completed bids must be submitted by 5pm (17.00) on Friday 16th December 2022. The Procurement process is facilitated entirely online via the stated e-procurement portal ProContract (the Portal). Interested Bidders must access the ITT documentation via the link provided and submit an ITT response via the online questionnaires on the e-Tendering portal 'ProContract' before the submission deadline.

See the procurement documentation for more details. The ITT can be found at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>.

The services in the scope of this procurement are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but is instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

SEL ICB will adopt the Open procedure as a template for this procurement. The tendering process will be conducted in accordance with the requirements and flexibilities provided by Regulations 74 to 76 of the Regulations. Neither the use of the Open Procedure as a

template, nor the use of any language terms found in the Regulations, nor the description of the procedure voluntarily adopted by The Authority nor any other indication, shall be taken to mean that SEL ICB intends to hold itself bound by the Regulations, save those applicable to services coming within the scope of such as this.

This procurement process is being managed by Procurement and Contracting (PCH), hosted by NEL ICB on behalf of the Authority. PCH is conducting this procurement exercise for an on behalf of the

Authority, with whom the successful Bidder will ultimately enter contract for the supply of Services.

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £26,894,000

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-021333](#)

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

Originally published as:

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Local time

5:00pm

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

English