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Planning

EOI: Provision of Orthodontics Services for Birmingham and Walsall

NHS Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

EOI: Provision of Orthodontics Services for Birmingham and Walsall

Reference number

AG22007

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85131100 - Orthodontic services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU) on behalf of NHS Birmingham and Solihull ICB and NHS Black Country ICB (the Commissioners) wish to inform the market of a future procurement opportunity to deliver an orthodontic service in the Walsall and South Birmingham area. Following the hand back of orthodontic activity, by four providers across five contracts, in Walsall and Birmingham, Commissioners are seeking to replace the lost activity.

The new services will be delivered under an NHS England Personal Dental Service (PDS) Agreement. There is a requirement that the service is led by a Specialist in Orthodontics.

The Commissioners, would like to invite suitably qualified and experienced providers to participate in a questionnaire that will help to:

- Gain market views on the viability of procuring Orthodontic services across South Birmingham and Walsall,
- Determine a structure of the future procurement,
- Determine length of future contracts

A draft Orthodontics service specification has also been uploaded onto the portal for review and comments.

Guidance regarding how to view the draft service specification and complete this questionnaire has been provided below. Please note, the deadline to respond to the questionnaire is 10am on Friday 24th November 2023.

Your detailed feedback, knowledge, ideas, positives and negatives in response to the questions listed in the published market assessment questionnaire are invaluable to us and will help inform the orthodontic services commissioned and will be considered together with information from patients and other key stakeholders. The Commissioners are truly grateful for your help and support.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85131100 - Orthodontic services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

Main site or place of performance

South Birmingham and Walsall

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Over the past 2 years an interim solution has been in place to ensure those children who were due to commence orthodontic treatment in 22/23 and 23/24 were able to commence their treatment within the financial year. Due to the short-term nature of the interim arrangement's, Commissioners are seeking to procure a long term and sustainable solution. Commissioners wish to replace the lost activity by procuring new practices to provide a comprehensive orthodontic assessment and treatment service as per the final regional service specification, which will be published as part of the tender.

For clarity there is no additional investment in these two new contracts. The annual contract values are in line with the baseline funding.

The procurement process cannot begin until the governance process has completed; following this market assessment and the patient and public engagement exercise. Commissioners will consider the outputs of both exercises in finalising the contract and service specification.

The new practices may inherit a small waiting list of children waiting to commence orthodontic treatment; however the size will be determined by the time it takes to procure and mobilise the new practices.

II.2.14) Additional information

Please note that this survey is purely a market assessment exercise. Your response to this survey does not guarantee your organisation's participation in any future procurement resultant from this exercise.

Future procurements resultant from this exercise will be advertised separately. Should your organisation wish to submit its bid, then it must respond to the advertisement which calls for the procurement competition separately at the time.

The procurement will be advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) (the "Regulations") to the extent that the Regulations relate to services within the scope of Schedule 3 (Social and Other Specific Services). The Commissioner and AGCSU are, therefore, bound only by those parts of the Regulations applying to Schedule 3 services.

The Commissioner will be using an eTendering system for this market assessment exercise. To access the draft service specification and questionnaire go to the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-tendering portal at the following link: <https://health-family-contract-search.secure.force.com/?search> type=Projects and register your interest.

You can search for the opportunity by entering the following contract reference: "C212042: EOI: Provision of Orthodontics Services for Birmingham and Walsall"

Once registered please complete the market assessment questionnaire. Please note the deadline for responses is by Friday 24th November 2023 at 10.00am.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 April 2024

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: No