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## **NECS521 Children's Speech and Language Therapy in County Durham**

NHS North East North Cumbria Integrated Care Board - County Durham Place

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04a3fe

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

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

NHS North East North Cumbria Integrated Care Board - County Durham Place

Pemberton House

Sunderland

#### **Email**

[necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QHM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://nenc-countydurham.icb.nhs.uk/>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**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 another address:

North of England Commissioning Support

John Snow House

Durham University Science Park

**Email**

[necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC - North East (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.necsu.nhs.uk/>

#### **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**

NECS521 Children's Speech and Language Therapy in County Durham

Reference number

NECS521

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

- 85121291 - Paediatric services

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

Services

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

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) (the Relevant Authority) who intend to follow the Most Suitable Provider (MSP) process to award a contract for the provision of a Children's Speech and Language Therapy in County Durham.

This service specification outlines the requirements for delivering a children's speech and language therapy service across County Durham. The long-term vision is to develop this further by working with a new provider to develop an integrated children's therapies model. The goal is to provide a coordinated and collaborative approach that addresses the diverse needs of children and their families, ensuring that every child receives the right support at the right time in the right settings.

The contract will be for a period of 5 years with the option to extend for a further 2 years, commencing on 01 April 2025.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £18,200,000

#### **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

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The intention to follow the most suitable provider notice will be live between 30 September and 14 October 2024.

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

14 October 2024

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intended approach notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

It is the intention to award a contract using the Most Suitable Provider Process.

The intention to award decision using the Most Suitable Provider Process has been made by the County Durham Senior Management Team of NENC ICB.

Further details can be found on the Atamis portal at: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>