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Tender

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Testing and Kits

Solent NHS Trust

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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

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

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Testing and Kits

Reference number

C301145

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85111800 - Pathology services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Solent (known as the lead provider) has been providing Level 3 Integrated Sexual Health and HIV services (SHHS) since 2012 and has recently been awarded a new contract from 2024 to 2031, with the option to extend for a further two years.

Solent's services identify as core community provision across Southampton, Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight, and other parts of Hampshire.

As part of the core offer, Solent is commissioned to provide an online STI pathology testing and kits service to target patients that do not attend our services and/or patients with low risk symptoms that attend clinics.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £11,949,264

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Solent NHS Trust is looking to work with one pathology provider to deliver the Online STI and HIV testing and kits provision within Southampton, Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight, and Hampshire.

The aim of the service is to provide an online service that compliments and supports the overarching Level 3 Integrated SHHS delivered by Solent.

The main objectives are:

- To increase use of online services and remote pathways that improve scope for individuals to have their testing and advice needs met, where appropriate without face to face contact, including choice of delivery points for STI kits.
- To provide online STI self-sampling kits for asymptomatic residents aged 16 years and over, including samples from extra-genital sites for high risk groups.
- To provide online STI self-sampling kits for people with low risk symptoms aged 16 years and over, including samples from extra-genital sites for high risk groups
- To target high risk groups, such as asymptomatic men who have sex with men (MSM), commercial sex workers who are not currently accessing SHHS.
- To redirect low risk asymptomatic patients from level 3 SHHS clinical service, to online services, in order to enable a faster service for this client group.
- To signpost anyone who is high risk but eligible for online testing to Sexual Health Promotion.
- To provide a customer support function for clients to contact the Pathology provider for advice or support.
- To evaluate the service through feedback from users, to ensure on-going improvement of this service.
- To offer an STI testing service in a non-clinical area when working with vulnerable patients that do not have IT access or unable to receive postal kits to a home address.
- To ensure that all residents aged 15-24 are offered a Chlamydia screen and/or can access services a chlamydia test via a remote (home) testing pathway as part of the National Chlamydia Screening Programme with the aim to achieve the chlamydia diagnostic rate.
- To provide remote testing for test of cure for Gonorrhoea, Chlamydia and Mycoplasma genitalium.

The service will provide:

- Full STI and HIV testing for anyone over the age of 16 years. For people aged 15–24 years they will have an option to access Chlamydia only testing.
- Provision and dispatch of postal STI and HIV kits with options to post to requested address or national pick-up points.
- Results processing via a results management system that integrates with the services

electronic patient record (Inform) and patient text messaging service.

- A service for Southampton, Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight, and Hampshire residents.
- There will be a separate ad hoc service available for anyone living outside of area.

The service model excludes:

- A requirement for the pathology provider to deliver an online algorithm to identify risk and required testing, as this is already provided as part of the pre-established SHHS Electronic Patient Record system.

The pathology provider will be able to provide full STI testing to include:

- HIV testing - 4th generation
- Syphilis
- Syphilis RPR for patient with past infection
- Hepatitis C IgG antibody
- Hepatitis B surface antigen
- Chlamydia
- Chlamydia Test of Cure
- Gonorrhoea
- Gonorrhoea Test of Cure
- Mycoplasma Genitalium for Test of Cure
- Extra genital site testing

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: £11,949,264

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

Start date

1 April 2025

End date

31 March 2031

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Conditions for participation are set out in the Instructions To Tender document and include Pass/Fail criteria relating to the successful bidder confirming they already hold the following accreditation/standards prior to service commencement (taking in to account contract start date).

- ISO 15189:2022 - Medical Laboratories: Requirements for Quality and Competence
- Meet UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations
- Registration with all and any regulators including the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and the Information Commissioner

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

As set out in the ITT documents

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

As set out in the ITT documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

As set out in the ITT documents

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

As set out in the ITT documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

As set out in the ITT documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-021503](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

18 November 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

18 November 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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