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## **NECS515 Needs-Led, Pre and Post diagnostic Autism Support Service for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board**

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

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

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

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Pemberton House, Colima Avenue

Sunderland

SR5 3XB

#### **Contact**

NECS

#### **Email**

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

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC - North East (England)

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QHM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

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

**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:

NECS

NECS John Snow House , Durham University Science Park,

Durham

DH1 3YG

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## **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**

NECS515 Needs-Led, Pre and Post diagnostic Autism Support Service for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Reference number

NECS515

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the Relevant Authority), who are undertaking a competition to commission NECS515 Needs-Led, Pre and Post Diagnostic Autism Support Service under the NHS Standard Contract 24/25.

#### **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**

NECS515 Needs-Led, Pre and Post Diagnostic Autism Support Service - Lot 1 Tees Valley

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

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

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the Relevant Authority) who are undertaking a competition to commission NECS515 Needs-Led, Pre and Post Diagnostic Autism Support Service under NHS Standard Contract 24/25 Atamis Project Reference NECS515.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract 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.

The contract term for Lot 1 - Tees Valley is for an initial period of 1 year commencing on 01 April 2025, with an option to extend for a further 12 months at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

The contract term for Lot 2 - Newcastle is for 1 year only commencing on 01 April 2025.

The closing date for submission of competition response is by 12 noon 29 October 2024.

#### Additional information

The "Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006" as amended by the "Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulation 2014" (TUPE) does not apply to this contract. However, Providers are advised to obtain their own legal advice and carry out due diligence including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this competition and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including response submissions, will be conducted via the Atamis portal at: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should providers have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal; they should contact the Atamis helpdesk via:

[Support-health@Atamis.co.uk](mailto:Support-health@Atamis.co.uk) or phone number 0800 9956035

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 08.00 am - 06.00 pm

Competition documentation will be available on the e-tendering site from 01 October 2024

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract term for Lot 1 - Tees Valley is for an initial period of 1 year commencing on 01 April 2025, with an option to extend for a further 12 months at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

NECS515 Needs-Led, Pre and Post Diagnostic Autism Support Service - Lot 2 Newcastle

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

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

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

Duration in months

12

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

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## **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

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## **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: No

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

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

Date

29 October 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

29 October 2024

Local time

12:15pm

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## **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**

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Sunderland

Country

United Kingdom