

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/031456-2021>

Tender

Child House - NHS England London Region

NHS Commissioning Board

F01: Prior information notice

Call for competition

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-031456

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-030257

Published 16 December 2021, 3:28pm

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Commissioning Board

Quarry House, Quarry Hill

Leeds

LS2 7UE

Contact

Mr Barend Henning

Email

barend.henning@nhs.net

Telephone

+44 7770970400

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKI - London

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.england.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=1bdc4b6b-8548-ec11-810e-005056b64545>

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/Advert?advertId=1bdc4b6b-8548-ec11-810e-005056b64545>

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

Child House - NHS England London Region

Reference number

PRJ1090

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS England and NHS Improvement (London Region) (hereafter referred to as "The Authority") invites Expressions of Interest (EOIs) and completion of EOI questionnaires from all suitable providers, who are capable of delivering the Child House Service in North Central London.

The Child House Service is a jointly commissioned project between NHS England (London Region), the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and North Central London Clinical Commissioning Group. The Child House aims to radically improve support to children, young people and their non-offending families following incidents of child sexual abuse including exploitation, by delivering services related to health, wellbeing, and criminal justice.

Following the success of an initial 3 year pilot, we are seeking to continue with a Child House model going forward, although with a reduced financial envelope we anticipate an adapted offer to the current pilot service in place.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £4,665,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Main site or place of performance

The Child House Service will continue to be based from the existing site in Camden and serve the boroughs within the North Central London ICS area (Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington). Please note the total budget available should include infrastructure costs, such as IT and Estates. These will not form separate contracting arrangements and should therefore be included within the financial envelope available.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The development of the Child House Pilot came from a review in 2015 of child sexual abuse pathways in London which was commissioned by NHS England (London region).

This showed that only 1 in 4 children who have been abused come to the attention of statutory services. If the case then proceeds in the criminal justice system the child or young person is then subjected to a prosecution based process with multiple police interviews. Many cases do not have enough evidence to proceed to trial and those that do can take up to 2 years before they reach court. Conviction rates are also low.

Access to specialist health and wellbeing services is a crucial part of supporting children and young people for short term interventions and longer term recovery, whether or not their cases proceed through the criminal justice system.

The concept of a Child House is in line with international best practice, the European PROMISE agreement and evidence from the pilot project included in the service evaluation, and aims to provide a service which is centred around the child. Rather than the child/ young person attending numerous agencies and different locations to access different services the Child House will provide support 'under one roof'. The environment will be reflective of the circumstances with an emphasis on being safe, secure and focused around the needs of the child/young person.

The service required will include Child Sexual Abuse Medical assessments (non-urgent pathways), therapeutic interventions including counselling, clinical psychology, 1:1s and group work, advocacy, Video Recorded Interviews, Court Live Link and Section 28 remote link suite, Social Care Liaison Officers.

It is anticipated that Police Liaison Officers will be directly provided by our partners in the Metropolitan Police Services (MPS).

The service will accept both professionals and self-referrals.

Interested providers are required to express an interest in this project and complete the expression of interest (EOI) questionnaire available on the tender portal before the 14th January 2022 at 12:00 (noon). Any expressions of interest received after this deadline will not be considered.

Portal link:

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=1bdc4b6b-8548-ec11-810e-005056b64545>

Please note that the contract will be awarded without further publication. Interested organisations must express their interest as instructed in this notice if they wish to take part in this procurement process and no further opportunity notice will be published (in line with Regulation 75 (1)(b) of the PCR 2015).

EOI responses will be evaluated using the criteria set out in the online questionnaire. Should only one suitable EOI be received, NHS England reserves the right to undertake a negotiated procedure to award the contract. Where multiple suitable EOIs are received before the stated deadline from capable providers in response to this PIN, NHS England will publish a procurement opportunity to only those providers who have submitted EOIs in response to this PIN in early 2022.

Any communications or clarification questions about this contract opportunity must be submitted via the messaging facility for this project on ProContract e-tendering portal.

The deadline for any clarification questions is 17:00 on 7th January 2021.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £6,575,000

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

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract will be offered for an initial period of 3 years (36 months), with an option to extend for an additional 2 years depending on the funding availability of various partner organisations. Should a procurement process be required following this EOI process, the contract start date will be 01/04/2023.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2.14) Additional information

During the first 36 months of operation a confirmed minimum financial envelope of £1,455,000 per annum will apply. A maximum annual envelope of £1,555,000 will apply (with final funding offer to be confirmed).

Following the initial contract period, there will be an optional extension period of an additional 24 months. At time of publishing this notice, the annual financial envelope of £955,000 per annum is available for the additional 2 year extension due to funding partners being unable to commit beyond the initial 3 years. Should a procurement process be required following this EOI process, the contract start date will be 01/04/2023.

Therefore the total indicative budget for the contract will be between £4,365,000 and £4,665,000 for the first three years, and up to £1,900,000 for the additional 2 year extension option.

Please note the total budget available should include infrastructure costs, such as IT and Estates. These will not form separate contracting arrangements and should therefore be included within the financial envelope available.

The Procurement process will be facilitated entirely online via The Authority's e-procurement portal (ProContract). Interested Applicants wishing to participate in the procurement must register, express an interest, and complete the online questionnaires hosted on the portal prior to the deadline for submission (12 noon on the 14th January 2022). All clarification requests and correspondence pertaining to this Expression of Interest opportunity must be directed through the portal.

This Expression of Interest process is being managed by London Shared Services (previously NEL CSU) on behalf of The Authority in connection with a process under Regulation 75 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations" (as amended)). The services to which this Procurement relates fall within the "Light Touch Regime" (LTR) governing procurement of Health, Social, Education and Other service contracts. Neither the terms "Restricted Process" nor any other indication shall be taken to mean that the Contracting Authority intends to hold itself bound to any of the Regulations, save those applicable to LTR provisions. Should a competitive procurement process be required following the evaluation of EOI responses, this will be a single stage process under the LTR.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted 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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

14 January 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

London Shared Service (previously NEL CSU)

London

Email

nelcsu.strategicprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom