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Planning

General Practitioner Services in Richmond

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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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

General Practitioner Services in Richmond

Reference number

C309195

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121100 - General-practitioner services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

THE SERVICE

The GP Practice will provide the Services to the Trust in accordance with the terms of this Contract, the Law and Good Practice.

In consideration for the GP Practice delivering the Services, the Trust will pay the GP Practice in accordance with the Financial Schedule.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE STEP-UP SERVICE

The GP Practice will provide the Service in accordance with the aims and objectives set out at Appendix 2 Part 2.

The Parties agree that in relation to the step-up service, they shall at all times act in good faith towards each other and in the performance of their respective obligations under the Contract.

ADMISSION CRITERIA AND DISCHARGE

The Admission Criteria and Requirements set out at Appendix 2 Part 3 shall apply to the Services.

The discharge requirements set out in the Specification shall apply to the Services.

SERVICES ENVIRONMENT, EQUIPMENT & STOCK

Unless stated otherwise in this Contract, the Trust must at its own cost be responsible for the provision and maintenance of the working environment, equipment and consumables. It is the GP Practice's responsibility to ensure that its staff, agents or other personnel operating or using the equipment referred to in this clause shall have received appropriate and adequate training and have been assessed as competent in the use of that equipment.

LOCATION OF THE SERVICES

The Services shall be carried out by the GP Practice at the Friary Primary Care Hospital. In relation to this Contract the GP is permitted to attend the Primary Care Hospitals for the purpose of providing the Step Up Service in accordance with this Contract.

GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE GP PRACTICE

The GP Practice agrees to:

Notify the Trust of any CQC remedial action or any inability to hold GMS/APMS contract

Ensure that any changes, faults, omissions in relation to the Services are reported to the Trust and that information provided is clear, accurate and appropriate to the importance/urgency of the situation.

Co-operate with the Trust in the establishment of appropriate activities to improve the quality of service for the benefit of the users within the financial resources allocated.

Publish, maintain and operate a Service User consent policy which complies with Good Practice and the Law.

Take account of the spiritual, religious, pastoral and cultural needs of Service Users.

Provide information in a format and manner requested by the Trust to ensure that the Services continue to be compatible with the Trust's obligations under the Commissioning Contract within 28 days.

Deliver the Services and perform its obligations under this Contract in such a manner as to ensure the Trust is able to comply with its obligations under the Commissioning Contract insofar as those obligations relate to, depend on or may be affected by the Services, including compliance by the GP Practice with any positive or negative obligation or duty imposed on the Trust under the Commissioning Contract (for the Step Up / Step down Service Specification). Any such obligations placed upon the Trust will be discussed between commissioning / contracting leads.

Co-operate with the Commissioner, if requested to do so by the Trust to ensure the effective delivery of the Services.

Comply, where applicable, with registration and regulatory compliance guidance of any relevant regulatory or supervisory body;

Comply with the Code of Practice on the Prevention and Control of Infections.

The parties must comply with their respective obligations under any Other Local Agreements, Policies and Procedures.

The GP Practice shall take reasonable care to ensure that in the performance of its obligations under the Contract it does not disrupt the operations of the Trust, its employees or any other provider employed by the Trust.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £60,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust) plan on utilising the Most Suitable Provider Process to award a contract to the incumbent provider, for the provision of GP Services within their region of Richmond, As required by the Provider Selection Regime (PSR) (Health Care Services Regulation 2023), this document outlines the supplier's performance against the key criteria and the likelihood of the supplier satisfying the proposed contract to a sufficient standard. The Trusts has also considered the basic selection criteria to ensure suitability, good financial standing and that the supplier has the relevant technical and professional ability.

Reasons for rational :

Direct award A - The incumbent provider delivering the services is doing so to a high standard that the trust wishes to maintain, and we are not entering into a framework agreement. There are other providers who could arrange to provide GP services in the area, which is why subsection (b) is not applicable.

Direct award B - The services provided under the contract are to provide GP support services and there is no requirement for patient choice as only one supplier is required. There are other providers who look after other areas in the region but as the incumbent supplier looks after a small rural area, it would not be appropriate/advantageous to award to more than one provider. Direct Award B is not suitable for this exercise.

Direct award C - Trust considerations:

We have established that Direct Award A and B or not appropriate to this exercise. The Trust have an incumbent provider and are proposing to award a new contract as the current agreement has expired, which excludes route C through requirement 'B' in the above table, even though the proposed contract will be for the same scope as the existing agreement.

Recommendation:

The Trust has selected the most suitable provider route to award the proposed contract. Due to the specific nature of the requirement, there would be no value gained from running a competitive process.

The above details on the approach were approved by the senior leadership team at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

This opportunity was previously placed under FTS-012789 but has been released again due to changes.

II.2.14) 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

The trust confirm that it intends to award a contract using the most suitable provider process to the incumbent provider of the service.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

18 October 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: Yes