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## **Acute Respiratory Infection Hub - NHS Black Country ICB**

NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board

F02: Contract notice

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

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

NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board

Civic Centre, St Peter's Square

Wolverhampton

WV1 1SH

#### **Contact**

Ola Shodipe

#### **Email**

[olamide.shodipe1@nhs.net](mailto:olamide.shodipe1@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKG39 - Wolverhampton

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.blackcountry.icb.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

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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**

Acute Respiratory Infection Hub - NHS Black Country ICB

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

Acute respiratory infection (ARI), comprising of all viral and bacterial upper/lower respiratory tract infections, are one of the most common reasons for ED attendance (Hospital accident and emergency activity, 2022-23 – NHS Digital).

The Getting it Right First Time (GIRFT) programme national specialty respiratory report (March 2021) states that respiratory problems were among the most common reasons for general practice consultations and for acute hospital admissions even prior to COVID-19, and that admissions are growing at around 13% annually.

Patient access to GP appointments continues to be a challenge nationally and locally. Several factors have increased demand despite increased capacity, including an aging population, more complex patients, and increasing numbers of patients being managed in the community rather than in secondary care services.

NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board (ICB) is seeking to commission an Acute Respiratory Infection Hub in Wolverhampton.

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

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

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

NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board (referred to as the Commissioner) is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to express interest in delivering an Acute Respiratory Infection Hub (ARI Hub) in Wolverhampton.

The successful Provider will work to the following core purposes of the Black Country ICS, these being:

1. Improve outcomes in population health and healthcare
2. Tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access
3. Support broader social and economic development
4. Enhance productivity and value for money

As a result of this Competitive Process, a Contract will be awarded to the successful Provider for a period of 4 months (December 2024 to March 2025). The Commissioners may opt to extend the Contract Term by 1 or 2 years dependant on service evaluation. Payment and service provision for the year one extension would be during the period 1st October 2025 to 31st March 2026. If a further extension is required for year two, payment and service provision would be during the periods 1st October 2026 to 31st March 2027.

It is anticipated that the service provision resulting from this Competitive Process will have a value of £185,000 for 4 months.

### **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: £600,000

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

Duration in months

16

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

#### **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.

To access the eProcurement portal to access relevant documentation relating to this opportunity, please follow the instructions below:

- 1) Go to <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome> and click the link to register (if your organisation has not registered previously)
- 2) Once registered, login to the system and look for "Quote/tender C309042 - Acute Respiratory Infection Hub - NHS Black Country ICB"

The award decision-makers are the NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board.

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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

This includes but is not limited to an ability to meet the requirements of the service specification (as stated in the procurement documents) in its entirety including the required start date of 2 December 2024. This includes confirmation that the provider has an ODS code and operates utilising the Clinical system EMIS Web/EMIS enterprise within the Wolverhampton boundary.

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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: Yes

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

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

Date

17 October 2024

#### **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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

17 October 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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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**

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>