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Tender

Paediatric Tier 2 Continence Service in North East Hampshire

NHS Frimley CCG

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice with call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

Paediatric Tier 2 Continence Service in North East Hampshire

Reference number

F15039

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Paediatric Tier 2 Continence Service in North East Hampshire

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Main site or place of performance

North East Hampshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

It is the Contracting Authority's preference to enter into a contract with Solent NHS Trust for the reasons detailed below.

The proposed contract is for a period of 2 years commencing 1 April 2022. If however, there are expressions of interest in competing to deliver the requirements, it should be noted that the proposed contract contains an exit mechanism after 6 months which will be enacted in order to deliver a competition process in accordance with Public Contracts Regulations 2015, for a new contract to commence for service delivery from 1 October 2022 for a period of 2 years.

If no expressions of interest are received, the Authority intends to enter into a contract with the above named provider, relying upon a Regulation 32 exemption of no response/no requests to participate have been submitted in response to this notice.

If you wish to express an interest or should you wish to raise questions/discuss the content of this PIN further, please contact South of England Procurement Services via the Intend e-Tendering portal.

The intention is to award the North East Hampshire Paediatric Tier 2 Continence Service to Solent NHS Trust, which will provide assurance and consistency in meeting the needs of children/young people. This will reduce the risk of these CYP remaining in continence containment products inappropriately, for example when continence could be achieved with the correct level of support. This service will also address the unmet need of these CYP/families struggling with continence challenges, and the risk of CYP remaining in incorrectly fitting containment products, thus reducing the risk of further harm (physical, social and potential lifelong impact on emotional wellbeing and mental health).

The award also affords the opportunity to review the impact of the service on children, young people and families. Solent NHS Trust provide a similar service in various parts of wider Hampshire, and come with a high level of experience and expertise in this field. Solent NHS Trust also provide Special School Nursing and Paediatric Therapies services to CYP in North East Hampshire; awarding this pilot to the same provider ensures that these highly complex CYP will receive an effective wraparound service and a high level of support for them and their families.

These evaluation mechanisms are expected to provide the evidence required to inform the future commissioning and service model. Additionally, this will provide evidence of reduced healthcare utilisation and savings (particularly in secondary care, and potentially in CYP emotional wellbeing and mental health services), and will inform future decisions regarding ongoing investment. This will allow the developed model and service specification to be fully costed, ensuring the service delivers value for money, and offering confidence that the service model is realistic and achievable, without compromising the quality of the service.

The evaluation of this pilot will be used to inform commissioning options for Paediatric Continence Services across wider Hampshire; it is also the first step towards reducing inequity of paediatric continence service provision across Hampshire.

Workforce and the wider health system as a whole is under extreme pressure, due to post-Covid recovery and restoration. The original commissioning intention to award this service early in 2020 was delayed due to staff redeployment as a result of the pandemic. Commissioners are keen to urgently address the high risk of clinical harm and poor outcomes for these CYP resulting from the historic commissioning gap and the delay in addressing this. These families are currently effectively in crisis, and are experiencing very challenging and distressing situations as a result.

This pilot will address these risks and provide much needed support to these families. An award will provide confidence that the commissioned service will be safe, effective, sustainable, and equitable and provide value for money.

The Pilot term is 24 months commencing 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2024.

The value of the contract (at current value) is a maximum £689,100 per annum (this includes the £ value of the Paediatric Tier 2 Continence Service, as well as £276,000 per annum as the value of the continence containment products). Activity levels may fluctuate by up to negative 20%, this is reflective of the fact that there has been no service for the last 5 year, therefore a margin has been built into the estimated activity levels.

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

24

Section IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

4 February 2022

Local time

11:59pm

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

English

IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures

1 April 2022