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## **HPFT - Employment Advisors in Mid-Essex Talking Therapies (previously IAPT)**

Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04176c

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

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

Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

THE COLONNADES, BEACONSFIELD CLOSE

HATFIELD

AL10 8YE

#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.hpft.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.hpft.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

HPFT - Employment Advisors in Mid-Essex Talking Therapies (previously IAPT)

Reference number

C223628

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85112200 - Outpatient care services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The NHS Mid Essex Talking Therapies service (previously known as IAPT), delivered by Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (HPFT), is procuring a new service that will promote and embed employment support. This is part of a large-scale initiative by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to increase the employment support within NHS Talking Therapies.

HPFT is seeking providers who have proven previous NHS experience of supporting people into vocational/employment activities who have used a mental health service. There is an expectation that the successful provider will commence the service from April 2024 with the contract initially running to March 2025 in line with DWP funding. There is an option to extend the contract pending confirmation of funding beyond March 2025. The maximum financial envelope for the service is £280k p/a.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £800,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

### II.2) Description

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

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

Six (6) Employment Advisors (EAs) and one (1) Senior EA will provide practical advice and relevant interventions to assist clients to gain, return to or retain employment. EAs will work closely with NHS Mid Essex Talking Therapy clinicians to provide employment support to people with common mental health problems who are struggling at work, off sick from work or looking to find work.

This initiative is to ensure that Talking Therapies services are able to offer a combined package of psychological therapy and employment support to all Talking Therapies clients who need it & clients that do not require psychological treatment and only require employment support should be referred onto other employment support provision outside Talking Therapies. The Trust is looking for a company which has worked with Talking Therapy services and have experience with clients that are experiencing mild-moderate mental health issues.

HPFT is seeking to work with a partner organisation that can bring this knowledge and expertise and work within and alongside the NHS Mid Essex Talking Therapies Service.

This opportunity is being published on the Atamis e-procurement portal, reference number C223628.

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

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

Price

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £800,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Contract may be extended for a further +1 +1 Years

#### **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

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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

11 December 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **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

11 December 2023

Local time

4:00pm

Place

Via Atamis e-procurement portal

Hertfordshire & West Essex ICS NHS Procurement  
2nd Floor Gate House,  
Fretherne Road,  
Welwyn Garden City,  
Herts,  
AL8 6NS

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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/>