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Planning

Diabetic Eye Screening Programmes - East of England

NHS England

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

Diabetic Eye Screening Programmes - East of England

Reference number

AG22508

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS England East of England (The Commissioner) seeks to re-commission Diabetic Eye Screening Programmes (DESP) to deliver screening to eligible populations across the East of England region.

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II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £12,600,446

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Consideration is being given to potential lotting strategies, with the outcomes of market engagement being used to inform the final decision. The invitation to tender is likely to be published March/April/May 2023 and the contract is due to begin in April 2024.

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Suffolk and North East Essex

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Herts and West Essex

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH35 - West Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Cambridge and Peterborough

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Mid and South Essex

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Norfolk and Waveney

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 November 2022

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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Objectives of the service:

The aim of the Diabetic Eye Screening programme is to reduce the risk of sight loss amongst people with diabetes by the prompt identification and effective treatment, if necessary, of sight threatening diabetic retinopathy, at the appropriate stage during the disease process.

The eligible population includes patients aged 12 or over diagnosed with diabetes mellitus (excluding gestational diabetes) and registered with, or eligible to be registered with a GP, as well as individuals within prisons, secure units and the armed forces.

All NHS diabetic eye screening services (DES) will be provided in accordance with published DES programme standards and specification.

[\[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/diabetic-eye-screening-programme-standards\]](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/diabetic-eye-screening-programme-standards). The aims of the service will be achieved by delivering an evidence-based service that:

- Identifies the eligible population and ensures effective delivery with maximum coverage
- Is safe, effective, high quality, externally and independently monitored, and quality assured
- Leads to earlier detection, appropriate referral, effective treatment and improved outcomes
- Is delivered and supported by suitably trained, competent and qualified clinical and non-clinical staff who, where relevant, participate in recognised ongoing continuing medical education (CME), continuous professional development (CPD) and quality assurance (EQA) schemes

- Has audit and service evaluation embedded in the service
- Has a seamless pathway at the interface between screening and diagnosis and a treatment pathway that ensures people are referred promptly and safely to treatment services

There are three key elements of service delivery, namely:

- Call/recall for all people with diabetes invited for routine digital screening – this is currently undertaken on an annual basis but screening intervals are likely to extend to two years for people at low risk during the contract term in line with national guidance
- Digital surveillance where individuals need more frequent screening
- Slit lamp bio-microscopy (SLB) for those individuals where normal photography is inappropriate (e.g. those having cataracts).

There is an expectation that the contract holder(s) for all lots will work with screening and immunisation teams, NHSE commissioners and other system commissioners across the geography/s to maximise collaboration and opportunities for integrated service offer and delivery.

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